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Respondents.

PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE SECOND CIRCUIT

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To the Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States:

Petitioners Milton A. Galamison, *et al.*, pray that writs of certiorari issue to review the orders and judgments of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit entered on January 26, 1965, affirming orders and judgments of the United States District Court for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York remanding criminal prosecutions pending in the Criminal Court of the City of New York which had been removed to the said United States District Court pursuant to the provisions of Title 28, United States Code, Section 1443 *et seq.*

Opinions Below

The opinions of the Court of Appeals are not yet reported. They are incorporated herein as Appendix A. The majority opinion of Circuit Judges Friendly and

Kaufman is contained in Appendix A at pages 965-997. The dissenting opinion of Circuit Judge Marshall is contained in Appendix A, pages 997-1020.

The order of the Court of Appeals granting a stay of its mandate provided that a certificate of the Clerk of this Court evidencing the filing of a petition for writ of certiorari is filed with the Clerk of the Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit by March 10, 1965, is attached hereto as Appendix B. On March 5, 1965, Circuit Judges Marshall and Kaufman extended the date of such filing to and including March 15, 1965.

Jurisdiction

The jurisdiction of this Court is invoked under Title 28, United States Code, Section 1254(1).

Questions Presented

1. Whether the petitions for removal herein present a basis for federal removal under Title 28 U.S.C. 1443, subdivision (2) of the federal Civil Rights Removal Statute?

2. Whether it was error for the district court to remand the petitions for removal without affording petitioners a hearing on the allegations in their petitions?

3. Whether the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment and the general Civil Rights Statutes are laws "providing for equal rights" within the meaning of subdivision (2) of Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1443?

4. Whether the phrase "law providing for equal rights" in subdivision (2) of Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1443 may be restricted solely to Title II of the Civil Rights Act of 1964?

5. Whether the federal remedy of removal in subdivision (2) of Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1443 may be limited solely to federal officers or persons acting under them?

Statement of the Case

A. Proceedings Below

The questions presented in this petition arise out of the removals, pursuant to Title 28, United States Code, 1443 *et seq.*, to the United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York of a complex of state criminal prosecutions instituted in the course of civil rights activities and demonstrations in the City of New York during the Spring of 1964.

For the convenience of the Court we summarize here the procedural status of the individual state criminal prosecutions which were removed to said United States District Courts:

1. Proceedings in the District Courts

a. Eastern District of New York

(1) *Milton A. Galamison, et al.* v. *People of the State of New York*

This case involved some twenty-six (26) removals of pending criminal prosecutions from the Criminal Court of the City of New York, County of Queens. Petitioners therein had been charged with disorderly conduct and resisting arrest in connection with demonstrations protesting racial discrimination and segregation at or near the entrance to the New York City World's Fair on April 4, 1964. One of the removed prosecutions involved the additional arrest of one of the petitioners on April 22, 1964, while picketing the 110th Police Precinct, Queens, New York in a similar protest against racial discrimination and segregation.

(2) *Lionel A. Delgado* v. *People of the State of New York*

This case involved the removal of a pending criminal prosecution from the Criminal Court of the City of New

York, County of Queens. Petitioner was arrested on April 22, 1964 while demonstrating against racial discrimination and segregation underneath or near the World's Fair stations of the IRT subway in Queens, New York, and was charged with disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

(3) *Nelson C. Dukes, et al. v. People of the State of New York*

This case involved four (4) removals of pending criminal prosecutions from the Criminal Court of the City of New York, County of Queens. Petitioners were arrested on April 22, 1964 while picketing on the steps of the 110th Police Precinct and others while demonstrating at or near the World's Fair Stations of the IRT subway in Queens County against racial discrimination and segregation, and charged with disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

(4) *Ellen Halley, et al. v. People of the State of New York*

This case involves ten (10) removals of pending criminal prosecutions from the Criminal Court of the City of New York, County of Queens. Petitioners were arrested on April 22, 1964, while demonstrating against racial discrimination and segregation underneath or near the World's Fair stations of the IRT subway in Queens County and charged with hindering the operation of a rapid transit railroad, disorderly conduct on the subway, and resisting arrest.

(5) *Dorothy Fulmer, et al. v. People of the State of New York*

This case involves four (4) removals of pending criminal prosecutions from the Criminal Court of the City of New York, County of Queens. Petitioners were arrested on April 4th, 1964, while picketing on the grounds

of the World's Fair in a demonstration against racial discrimination and segregation and, charged with trespass, disorderly conduct, and resisting arrest.

(6) *Majorie Napper, et al.* v. *People of the State of New York*

This case involves four (4) removals of pending criminal prosecutions from the Criminal Court of the City of New York, County of Queens. Petitioners were arrested on April 22, 1964, by Transit Authority police at the World Fair's stations of the IRT subway in Queens County while demonstrating against racial discrimination and segregation, and charged with disorderly conduct, resisting arrest and obstructing railway cars.

(7) *Sharon Eolis* v. *People of the State of New York*

This case involved the removal of a pending criminal prosecution from the Criminal Court of the City of New York, County of Queens. Petitioner was arrested on April 22, 1964, while demonstrating against racial discrimination and segregation, at or near the World's Fair stations of the IRT Subway and charged with disorderly conduct, resisting arrest and obstructing railway cars.

b. Southern District of New York

(1) *William Deutsch* v. *People of the State of New York*

This case involved the removal of a pending criminal prosecution from the Criminal Court of the City of New York, County of Bronx. Petitioner was arrested on March 13, 1964, near Junior High School 98, Bronx, New York, and charged with disorderly conduct and inducing truancy for passing out leaflets attempting to persuade others to join a mass demonstration scheduled for March 16, 1964 to protest segregation in the public schools of the City of New York.

(2) *Norman Berkowitz* v. *People of the State of New York*

This case involved the removal of a pending criminal prosecution from the Criminal Court of the City of New York, County of Bronx. Petitioner was arrested on March 13, 1964, near Junior High School 98, Bronx, New York, and charged with disorderly conduct and inducing truancy for passing out leaflets attempting to persuade others to join a mass demonstration scheduled for March 16, 1964 to protest segregation in the public schools of the City of New York.

(3) *Frances Crayton, et al.* v. *People of the State of New York*

This case involves eight (8) removals of pending criminal prosecutions from the Criminal Court of the City of New York, County of New York. Petitioners were arrested on March 27, 1964, charged with disorderly conduct, unlawful intrusion and unlawful assembly for appearing at the Office of the Mayor of the City of New York to protest racial segregation and discrimination. Two of the petitioners were also charged with third-degree assault.

After hearings limited to oral argument and the submission of briefs in the above district courts, the People's motions to remand all of these cases were granted. Notices of Appeal to the Court of Appeals were duly and timely filed.

2. Proceedings in the Court of Appeals

a. The Stay of Pending State Proceedings

On August 25, 1964 and September 1, 1964, Circuit Judges Marshall and Waterman entered orders staying the trials of all of the aforementioned petitioners until the determination by the Court of Appeals of the appeals from the orders of remand. On September 11, 1964, Cir-

cuit Judge Marshall denied motions by petitioners to consolidate all of the pending appeals but ordered that the appeals be briefed together. On October 2, 1964 a three-judge panel of the Court of Appeals heard full argument on all appeals.

b. The Court of Appeals Opinions

On January 26, 1965, the Court of Appeals handed down its consolidated opinion on all appeals. The Court divided 2-1 on all issues presented in this petition. The majority of the Court, in a lengthy opinion written by Circuit Judge Friendly, and concurred in by Circuit Judge Kaufman, held as follows:

(1). The "denial" (subdivision 1) and the "authority" (subdivision 2) clauses of Title 28, U. S. C. Sec. 1443 should be read so as to permit removal in either of two distinct categories of cases.

(2). A defendant seeking to remove a criminal prosecution from the state to the federal court pursuant to the "authority" clause of Title 28, U. S. C. 1443 need not preliminarily demonstrate that the challenged conduct was within the federal law relied on for the removal thereof.

(3). The phrase "color of authority" derived from the "authority" clause of Title 28, 1443, refers only to situations where Congress manifested an affirmative intention that a beneficiary of such a law would be entitled to utilize self-help to obtain its benefits and not merely to one where a criminal defendant may have a valid defense or be entitled to have civil or criminal liability imposed on those interfering with him.

(4). The phrase "any law providing for equal rights" in the "authority" clause of Title 28, Sec. 1443 refers only to specific equal rights statutes as distinguished from laws that confer equal rights upon all citizens such as the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States and Title 42, U. S. C., Sec. 1983.

(5). The Court considered, but did not decide, whether the "authority" clause of Title 28, Sec. 1443 is limited to federal officers and persons assisting them or acting in behalf of government.

Circuit Judge Kaufman in his concurring opinion, while agreeing fully with Judge Friendly's analysis of the "authority" clause of the civil rights removal statute, suggests that it is up to Congress to enlarge or clarify the extent of Title 28, § 1443(2) should the majority's reading thereof be too narrow.

Circuit Judge Marshall, in his dissenting opinion, would have held:

(1). The phrase "color of authority" derived from any law providing for equal rights "contained in the 'authority' clause of Title 28, § 1443" includes the Due Process and Equal Protection Clauses of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, as well as other civil rights legislation not delineated in the majority opinion.

B. Statement of the Facts

These cases arise out of the efforts of white and Negro citizens of the City of New York in the late Winter and early Spring of 1964 to protest racial segregation and discrimination in all areas of city life including the public schools and public and private employment.

Some fifty of the petitioners were arrested in Queens County, New York for demonstrating at or near the site of the New York World's Fair in advance of and at its opening on April 22, 1964, in order, as stated in their removal petitions, to publicize their grievances over "the denial of equal protection of the laws to Negroes in the City, State and Nation with reference to housing, education, employment, police action and other areas of local and national life too numerous to mention."

Two were arrested in Bronx County for passing out leaflets at a public school urging a protest against segregated and unequal education in the city public school system. Eight are being prosecuted in New York County for staging a sit-in at City Hall in the course of a protest relating to the same general subject.

All petitioners filed timely petitions pursuant to the provisions of Title 28, Sec. 1443 *et seq.*, removing the criminal cases against them to the appropriate United States District Court. The People having moved to remand, Judge George Rosling in the Eastern District of New York, dealing with the Queens County cases, and Judge John M. Cannella in the Southern District of New York, dealing with the Bronx and New York County cases, granted the motions without conducting the evidentiary hearings requested by petitioners. Appeals having been taken, Judges of the court below stayed the remand orders so as not to moot the important and novel questions therein presented.

Although all of the petitions for removal had been predicated on both the "denial" and the "authority" clauses of Sec. 1443, petitioners, during oral argument below, expressly disclaimed reliance on the former. Accordingly, the appeal was argued and submitted squarely on the proposition that petitioners were entitled, pursuant to Subdivision (2) of Sec. 1443, to have their criminal prosecutions tried in a federal, rather than a state, forum.

Reasons for Granting the Writ

A. The meaning of Sub-division (2) of Sec. 1443 has never been interpreted by this Court. An authoritative interpretation is essential to the administration of important federal statutes.

This petition raises for the first time before the Court the serious and substantial question as to the meaning of Subdivision (2) of Title 28, Sec. 1443. Since the passage

of the Act of April 9, 1866, Ch. 31, Sec. 3 14 Stat. 27, the first Civil Rights Act, Section 3 of which is the predecessor of Section 1443, this Court has had no occasion to construe the "authority" clause or its equivalent in predecessor statutes.*

With this decisional vacuum it is now crucially important for this Court to determine the meaning and breadth of subdivision (2). One fact is now amply clear. Subdivision (2) is not an outworn remainder of a long-dead era to be shelved as meaningless as the result of years of nonuse and/or judicial neglect. By enacting Section 901 of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 Congress has swept aside any assumption that the civil rights removal jurisdiction of the federal court is an unimportant anachronism inherited from a closed chapter in our history. Specifically providing for the appealability of remand orders in all such removals, Congress has thereby once again reasserted the importance ascribed by the Reconstruction Congress to the removal jurisdiction of the federal courts in civil rights cases.

See *Rachel* v. *State of Georgia*, No. 21354, Fifth Circuit, decided March 5, 1965. As the Fifth Circuit has recently written in *Rachel*: "From its inception, then, the civil rights removal statute has been, as its language plainly contemplates, an adjunct to the substantive civil rights statutes

* There appear to be only two decided lower court cases dealing directly with Subdivision (2) or a predecessor equivalent. In *Hodgson* v. *Millward*, 12 Fed. Cases No. 6, 568, 3 Grant Cases 418 (C. C. Pa. 1863) a federal officer was prosecuted by the state for entering Millward's land under color of a Presidential order. Although there were doubts that the order was formally correct and that the President could properly issue it, removal under an 1863 Federal Habeas Corpus Act similar in language to 1443(2) was allowed. The validity of the order, the Court held, "constituted the very question to be tried and determined [in the federal court]. The order was color of authority, whether the substance [of authority] existed or not." But see *Arkansas* v. *Howard*, 218 F. Supp. 626 (E. D. Ark. 1963).

enacted by Congress." Hundreds of cases in both Southern and Northern jurisdictions involving an interpretation of subdivision (2) of 1443 are presently pending in Federal district courts and courts of appeals. See, for example, *Baines* v. *City of Danville, McGhee* v. *City of Danville,* No 9090, No. 9082, in the Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, argument for rehearing granted, pending decision by that Circuit; *Robinson* v. *Florida,* No. 21490, Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. The majority, concurring and dissenting opinions of the Second Circuit all reflect the understanding that an authoritative interpretation of subdivision (2) of the Civil Rights Removal Statute is essential to the enforcement of the substantive provisions of the Civil Rights Acts. Federal removal has become a major procedural instrument for the protection of fundamental rights guaranteed by both these statutes and by the Fourteenth Amendment. See Lusky, *Racial Discrimination and the Federal Law: A Problem in Nullification,* 63 Col. L. R. 1163 (1963).

The compelling necessity for a decisive interpretation of this crucial instrument for the protection of federal rights is a classic illustration of a proper invocation of the certiorari jurisdiction of this Court.

B. The interpretation of the majority of the lower court is erroneous and in conflict with controlling decisions of this Court.

1. The majority opinion below is predicated upon an assumption that the words "any law providing for equal civil rights" in subdivision (2) of 1443 must be read as referring to something wholly different from the identical words "any law providing for equal civil rights" in subdivision (1). Since the majority opinion concedes that the laws "providing for equal civil rights", upon which petitioners here derive their "color of authority", the Equal Protection Clause, and the general Civil Rights Acts, are of course the "laws" referred to in subdivision (1),

it must somehow narrow the meaning of the identical words in subdivision (2) if these petitions for removal are to be rejected. But this leads the majority to a position, which as Judge Marshall points out in his dissent, not only closes its eyes to the plain words of the statute, but dangerously restricts this Court's historic interpretation of the thrust of the Equal Protection Clause itself.

The majority would read the phrase "under color of authority" in subdivision (2) to restrict "laws providing for equal rights" only to those laws which "encourage" or "direct" an individual to affirmatively do something to achieve its benefits. The majority then rejects almost every federal law "providing for equal rights" as a ground for removal jurisdiction under subdivision (2). All of these laws, all of the substantive legislation of Congress in this critical area, as well as the Equal Protection Clause itself, are "negative" laws, "procedural" laws, lacking in any positive or affirmative grant of rights. The only "positive" law the majority can find is possibly Title II of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. But as Judge Marshall points out, this flies in the face of the landmark opinions of this Court interpreting the broad "positive" sweep of the Equal Protection Clause and the legislation based upon it. *Strauder* v. *West Virginia*, 100 U. S. 303; the *Slaughter-House Cases*, 16 Wall, 36; see *Hurd* v. *Hodge*, 334 U. S. 24, 32.

In *Strauder*, the Court emphasized the positive sweep of the Equal Protection Clause and the Amendment itself:

> "This [the Fourteenth Amendment] is one of a series of constitutional provisions having a common purpose, namely: securing to a race recently emancipated, a race that through many generations had been held in slavery, all the civil rights that the superior race enjoy."

Again, in the *Slaughter-House Cases*, *supra*, this Court stated:

> "No one can fail to be impressed with the one pervading purpose found in all the Amendments, lying at the foundation of each, and without which none of them would have been suggested; we mean the freedom of the slave race, the security and firm establishment of that freedom, and the protection of the newly made freeman and citizen from the oppressions of those who had formerly exercised dominion over them." *

It could not be clearer that the Equal Protection Clause confers positive rather than negative rights. See, generally, Frank & Munro, *The Original Understanding of "Equal Protection of the Law"*, 50 Col. L. Rev. 131 (1950). The affinity between the Fourteenth Amendment and the substantive civil rights statutes is, as Circuit Judge Marshall indicates, "far more than obvious." The narrow construction of the majority not only contradicts the plain words of the statute, it would emasculate the Equal Protection Clause and the legislation supporting its sweeping positive guarantees.

2. The interpretation of the majority would, as Judge Marshall points out, lead to the absurd conclusion that the only law "providing for equal rights" which the Reconstruction Congress had in mind in writing the predecessor statute to subdivision (2) was Title II of the Act of

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* To suggest that the word "law" as it is used in Subdivision (2) does not include the Equal Protection Clause is to ignore the dominant congressional purpose in proposing the Fourteenth Amendment to the states for adoption. Thus Mr. Thayer of Pennsylvania, speaking in the House, stated: "As I understand it [the Fourteenth Amendment] it is but incorporating in the Constitution of the United States the principle of the civil rights bill which has lately become a law, * * * in order * * * that the provision so necessary for the equal administration of the law, so just in its operation, so necessary for the protection of fundamental rights of citizenship, shall be forever incorporated in the Constitution of the United States." Cong. Globe, 39th Cong., 1st Sess. 2465.

1964, providing for equal public accommodations. But this is not the only "positive" and "affirmative" grant of rights encompassed by either the Equal Protection Clause or the Civil Rights legislation. See, for example, *Brown* v. *Board of Education,* 347 U. S. 483, 489 (1954). The War Amendments establish a broad "charter of liberty". The *Slaughter-House cases, supra.* These sweeping affirmative grants of rights are contained in all of the laws "providing for equal rights." They may not be arbitrarily limited to the right to equal service in a restaurant set forth in one of many civil rights laws. The right to equal public education is clearly a positive right established in the laws "providing for equal civil rights." *Brown* v. *Board of Education, supra.* The suggestion that the absence of a specific prohibition against segregated public education in the Act of 1964 means that there is no "positive" grant of right upon which "color of authority" may rest, would ignore this Court's decision in *Brown* v. *Board of Education.* There is no reason in logic or policy to deprive citizens peacefully protesting segregated public education of the Congressional protection embodied in subdivision (2).

3. The majority sets up a straw man in its assertion that petitioners position is that laws "providing for equal rights" necessarily include all laws protecting the personal liberties embodied in the due process clause. As Judge Marshall points out the rights of press, speech and assembly here involved are being exercised to obtain equal rights guaranteed by the Constitution and the civil rights legislation of Congress. And as Judge Marshall further demonstrates, even if the section were to be narrowly construed, as the majority does, as restricted to "self-help" situations, peaceful protest, speech and petition are classic forms of "self-help". And as Judge Marshall says, this type of "self-help" "is tremendously important in our federal constitutional scheme". See *Edwards* v. *South Carolina,* 372 U. S. 229; *Henry* v. *Rock Hill,* 376 U. S. 776.

The petitions for removal here allege that the petitioners were exercising fundamental rights of speech, assembly and the right to petition for redress of grievances to achieve rights guaranteed to them by laws of the United States providing for equal rights. Under any fair interpretation of subdivision (2) they were prosecuted for acts "under color of authority derived from any law providing for equal rights." As the dissenting opinion below strongly maintains, the order of remand should have been reversed and the petitioners given an opportunity in the district court to prove the allegations of their petitions of removal. See *Rachel et al.* v. *Georgia,* Fifth Circuit, *supra.*

C. The conclusion of the majority of the Second Circuit overlooks the contemporary importance of the civil rights removal statute.

The original civil rights removal statute, Revised Statute 641, originally enacted as one of the provisions of the Civil Rights Bill of 1866, 14 Stat. at L. 27, Chap. 31, Sect. 1, was at the center of the overall Congressional "design to protect an emancipated race, and to strike down all possible legal discriminations against those who belong to it." *Strauder* v. *West Virginia, supra,* at 303. In 1866, the Congress viewed the Civil Rights removal statute as an essential ingredient in a program of full enforcement of the sweeping guarantees of liberty and equality enunciated in the Fourteenth Amendment, *Tennessee* v. *Davis,* 100 U. S. 257; *Strauder* v. *West Virginia, supra.*

The fundamental thrust of the War Amendments was the elimination of discrimination in the enforcement of the law. Section 641 itself, the predecessor of 1443, was designed to guarantee that "the law in the States shall be the same for the black as for the white," *Strauder* v. *West Virginia, supra.* And as the Court said further in *Strauder,* the words of the Fourteenth Amendment contain "a necessary implication of a positive immunity, or right, most valuable

to the colored race . . . the right to exemption from legal discrimination implying inferiority in civil society, lessening the security of their enjoyment of the rights which others enjoy, and discriminations which are steps towards reducing them to the condition of a subject race." *Strauder* v. *West Virginia, supra.*

From the first of the landmark decisions interpreting the scope of the guarantees of liberty enacted in the War Amendments to the most recent, compare *The Slaughter-House Cases, supra* (1873) and *Monroe* v. *Pape,* 365 U. S. 175 (1961), the prohibition against unequal treatment in the protection of a legal right has always been in the center of any discussion of the equal protection and due process clauses. Limitations upon the ability of the Negro to protect legal rights guaranteed under the Constitution was the classic hallmark of a system of servitude and one of the principal "badges and indicia" of slavery. *Civil Rights Cases,* 109 U. S. 3.

Accordingly, the Congress believed it essential for the federal courts to be free to preserve the vitality and efficacy of those statutes designed by Congress to implement and enforce the fundamental guarantees of freedom and equality set forth in the Thirteenth, Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments. Congress thus felt keenly the necessity of providing a forum free from the control and influence of local and state white power groups in which federal rights under attack in such state proceedings could be fairly and effectively protected. This was the significance of the removal provisions enacted originally in the Civil Rights Bill of 1866 and presently embodied in 28 U. S. C. 1443. See *Strauder* v. *West Virginia, supra.*

The recent enactment of Section 901 of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 has forcefully underlined the Congressional intention that the civil rights removal statute play a vital role in providing a forum for the effective protection of federal civil rights in situations where the passions of the moment

leave the Negro population without recourse to a fair or impartial tribunal to vindicate fundamental federal rights. Even prior to the passage of Section 901, however, the Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit had recognized that there was a "substantial issue" that remand orders in civil rights removal cases had never lost their appealability by staying such remands pending appeal. *Congress of Racial Equality et al.* v. *Town of Clinton*, 5 Cir., No. 20960, decided September 22, 1964. See also *Rachel, et al.* v. *State of Georgia, supra.*

The stay in *Congress of Racial Equality et al.* v. *Town of Clinton* was granted on October 14, 1963. Since that decision, literally thousands of state prosecutions in the southern tier of states as well as many in the northern have been removed to the federal courts pursuant to the civil rights removal statute. In most of these cases, stays of orders remanding these prosecutions to the appropriate state courts have been issued by various Courts of Appeal, including the Second Circuit (see Appendix B). The importance of these appeals in the area of civil rights cannot be underestimated.

The majority opinion, by its severe limitation of subdivision (2) completely ignores both the Congressional intent in enacting the civil rights removal statutes and Section 901 as well as the realities of the present legal posture of civil rights litigation throughout the country. In those situations where subdivision (1) is not available to criminal defendants, but where resort to subdivision (2) is possible, the majority opinion has virtually excluded the latter's utilization. In short, the majority has applied to subdivision (2) the same emasculation process that has made a nullity of subdivision (1) for almost one hundred years.

In effect, the majority has ruled that subdivision (2) is only available in connection with cases arising out of attempts to enforce Title II of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Obviously, the Reconstruction Congress never thought in terms of keying the civil rights removal statute to any par-

ticular legislation but, as Chief Judge Tuttle has pointed out, it was passed "as adjunct to the substantive civil rights statutes enacted by Congress." *Rachel* v. *State of Georgia, supra,* p. 13, Appendix C.

It cannot have been the intention of Congress to enact Section 901, Civil Rights Act of 1964 as an exercise in legislative futility. It was fully aware of the urgent need for the extensive use of the civil rights removal statute and its intent is unmistakable. See House Judiciary Committee Report reprinted in BNA, The Civil Rights Act of 1964, pp. 286-87; remarks of Senator Dodd, 110 Cong. Rec. 6739 (daily ed. April 6, 1964). See also Hearings before Subcommittee No. 5 of the Committee on the Judiciary, 88th Congress, 1st Session, on Miscellaneous Purposes Regarding the Civil Rights of Persons Within the Jurisdiction of the United States, pp. 1818, 1829, 1910-1911, 1962-63, 1996 and 2358. The majority opinion repudiates and nullifies the Congressional will.

D. Section 1443(2) applies to private citizens as well as federal officers.

The majority opinion, as well as the dissenting opinion, assumes for the purpose of the decision that subdivision (2) applies to private citizens. This assumption is clearly well founded in view of the existence of Section 1442 of Title 28 which outhorizes removal for suits or prosecutions against "any federal officer or person acting under him." Obviously any limitation of Section 1443(2) to federal officers would make that section wholly redundant.

E. It was clear error for the district courts to remand the removed cases without full hearings.

As Judge Marshall forcefully points out in his dissent, a full and fair evidentiary hearing is vital in a federal forum when federal constitutional rights are at stake. *Townsend* v. *Sain,* 372 U. S. 293 (1963). He would vacate the orders of remand and return the cases to the district

courts for "full hearings . . . to determine whether any of the petitioners were being prosecuted for acts done under color of authority derived from any laws providing for equal rights." App. A, at 1020. This conclusion of Judge Marshall is fully in accord with the majority opinion in *Rachel* v. *State of Georgia, supra.*

F. The opinion below is in conflict with rulings of other circuits.

The majority opinion of the Second Circuit is clearly in conflict with the interpretation of the statute contained in the recent decision of the Fifth Circuit in *Rachel et al.* v. *Georgia, supra.* The rationale of the Fifth Circuit clearly would require a reversal of the orders of remand here. Although in *Rachel,* the Court reached only the subdivision (1) aspect of the case, the analysis of the entire statute set forth in the opinion, appendix C to this petition, is in sharp conflict with the restrictive analysis of the majority of the Second Circuit. The Court pointed out in *Rachel* that "Congress, while carving out rights and immunities, in the area of civil rights, has provided a jurisdictional basis for efficiently and appropriately protecting those rights and immunities in a federal forum." The Fifth Circuit does not restrict this federal forum solely to rights and immunities enunciated in Title II of the 1964 Act, nor could it in light of the broad sweep of the Equal Protection Clause. Moreover, an examination of the allegations in the petitions in *Rachel* with the petitions here before the Court reveals the essential identity of the grounds asserted as a basis for removal jurisdiction. Even a cursory reading of the two opinions, Chief Judge Tuttle for the majority of the Fifth Circuit, and Judge Friendly for the majority of the Second Circuit reveals a diametric opposition in rationale and analysis of the controlling statute. This is a conflict which this Court must clearly resolve.

Conclusion

The majority, concurring and dissenting opinions below all express the view that the novel and important questions here presented ought to be reviewed by this Court.

The petition for writ of certiorari should be granted. The judgment below should be reversed.*

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* The question of the interpretation of the Civil Rights Removal Statute is now directly involved in litigation arising out of three Circuits. In addition to *Rachel* in the Fifth Circuit, identical problems are involved in *Baines* v. *City of Danville, supra,* presently awaiting decision, reargument having been granted, before the Fourth Circuit sitting *en banc*. This Court may desire to withhold decision on this petition for writ of certiorari until *Baines* is decided and brought to this Court for review.

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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE SECOND CIRCUIT

Nos. 156-165—September Term, 1964.

(Argued October 2, 1964 Decided January 26, 1965.)

Docket Nos. 29166-29175

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,

Appellee,

—v.—

MILTON A. GALAMISON, *et al.*,

Appellants.

Before:

FRIENDLY, KAUFMAN and MARSHALL,

Circuit Judges.

Appeals from orders of the District Courts for the Eastern District of New York, George Rosling, *Judge,* and the Southern District of New York, John M. Cannella, *Judge,* remanding state criminal proceedings against appellants to the New York courts. Affirmed.

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FRIENDLY, *Circuit Judge*:

We have here appeals concerning some sixty persons from orders of the District Courts for the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York, remanding to the New York courts criminal proceedings sought to be removed pursuant to 28 U. S. C. §1443,[1] a statute which goes back to the Civil Rights Act of 1866, 14 Stat. 27. The appeals are the first to be taken to this court as a result of §901 of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Pub. L. 88-352, which limited the general prohibition of review of remand orders

1 "§1443. Civil rights cases.

Any of the following civil actions or criminal prosecutions, commenced in a State court may be removed by the defendant to the district court of the United States for the district and division embracing the place wherein it is pending:

(1) Against any person who is denied or cannot enforce in the courts of such State a right under any law providing for the equal civil rights of citizens of the United States, or of all persons within the jurisdiction thereof;

(2) For any act under color of authority derived from any law providing for equal rights, or for refusing to do any act on the ground that it would be inconsistent with such law."

"on appeal or otherwise," 28 U. S. C. §1447(d),[2] by adding a clause "except that an order remanding a case to the State court from which it was removed pursuant to section 1443 of this title shall be reviewable by appeal or otherwise."

In the light of the rule, established before the prohibition of direct review, that an order of remand was not a final judgment subject to appeal under what is now 28 U. S. C. §1291, but could be tested only by mandamus, *Chicago & Alton R.R.* v. *Wiswall,* 90 U. S. (23 Wall.) 507 (1875), and the failure of the framers of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to amend 28 U. S. C. §1292(a) to add remand orders under 28 U. S. C. §1443 as a new category of appealable interlocutory orders, it could be argued with some force that review here would lie only through mandamus. If necessary, despite some prior decisions of this court discussed in *United States* v. *O'Connor,* 291 F. 2d 520, 524 (2 Cir. 1961), we would be prepared to treat the instant appeals as petitions for such writs. However, in view of the Congressional purpose as revealed in the legislative history, H. Rep. No. 914, 88th Cong. 2d Sess. (1963); 110 Cong. Rec. 6739 (daily ed. April 6, 1964) (remarks of Senator Dodd), and the cumbersome nature of mandamus, we shall construe the 1964 statute, despite its inartistic drafting in this respect, as sufficiently revealing an intention to authorize appeals from orders of remand under 28 U. S. C. §1443.

Galamison and nearly fifty other appellants were named as defendants in prosecutions in Queens County, New York, for various acts which disrupted highway and subway traffic to the New York World's Fair in order to publicize their grievances over what Galamison's removal petition characterizes as "the denial of equal protection of the laws to Negroes in the City, State and Nation with reference to

2 The prohibition dates from the Act of March 3, 1887, §1, 24 Stat. 552, as construed in *In re Pennsylvania Co.,* 137 U. S. 451 (1890).

housing, education, employment, police action and other areas of local and national life too numerous to mention." Two appellants were arrested in Bronx County after passing out leaflets at a public school urging a protest against lack of integration. Eight more were being prosecuted in New York County for staging a sit-in at City Hall in the course of a protest on the same subject. All filed petitions removing the criminal cases against them to the federal courts.[3] The state having moved to remand, Judge Rosling in the Eastern District of New York, dealing with the Queens County cases, and Judge Cannella in the Southern District of New York, dealing with the Bronx and New York County cases, granted the motions without conducting the evidentiary hearings which appellants had sought primarily, if not exclusively, with reference to their claims under §1443(1). Appeals having been taken, judges of this court stayed the remand orders to enable us to consider the important and largely novel questions presented.

At the argument before us, counsel for the appellants expressly disclaimed reliance on the first clause of §1443, and staked the cases entirely on the second. The district attorneys asked us to disregard informalities in the removal petitions and dispose of appellants' claim under §1443(2) on the merits—a proposal which appellants applauded. Reading the petitions in the spirit which the State has invited and in the light of appellants' thorough

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3 For reasons that escape us, the petitions were captioned as proceedings by the various petitioners against the City of New York. A proceeding removed to a federal court remains what it was in the state court, in this instance criminal actions by the State of New York against the defendants. We have revised the caption so as to reflect the true nature of the proceedings.

The New York statutes alleged to have been violated were Penal Law §§244 (assault third), 722 (disorderly conduct), 722-b (loitering at school building), 1532 (maintaining a nuisance), 1851 (resisting an officer), 1990 (obstructing railway cars), 2036 (unlawful intrusion), and 2092 (unlawful assembly), and Education Law §3212 (inducing truancy).

briefs, we construe them as asserting that appellants' acts of protest and resistance were "under color of authority" of one or more of three "law[s] providing for equal rights" —the guarantees of free speech and petition embodied in the due process clause of the Fourteenth Amendment, the equal protection clause of that Amendment, and statutory protection of rights conferred by the Constitution, notably 42 U. S. C. §§1981 and 1983.[4] Alternatively the petitions suggest that appellants' refusal to obey police commands was "on the ground that it would be inconsistent with" the same three sets of laws.

We pause at this point for a word concerning our dissenting brother's position that the petitions are so defective that we ought simply to vacate all the orders of remand and have everyone start over again. While the petitions may not have been drawn with the expertness desired and might well have been insufficient properly to raise the question of removal under §1443(1), there is not and never has been any such difficulty in discerning what is here at issue as the dissent suggests. The Queens County cases concern widely publicized mass demonstrations in public places—the streets and the subway. The New York County

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4 "1981. Equal rights under the law.

All persons within the jurisdiction of the United States shall have the same right in every State and Territory to make and enforce contracts, to sue, be parties, give evidence, and to the full and equal benefit of all laws and proceedings for the security of persons and property as is enjoyed by white citizens, and shall be subject to like punishment, pains, penalties, taxes, licenses, and exactions of every kind, and to no other."

"1983. Civil action for deprivation of rights.

Every person who, under color of any statute, ordinance, regulation, custom, or usage, of any State or Territory, subjects, or causes to be subjected, any citizen of the United States or other person within the jurisdiction thereof to the deprivation of any rights, privileges, or immunities secured by the Constitution and laws, shall be liable to the party injured in an action at law, suit in equity, or other proper proceeding for redress."

cases concern demonstrations in City Hall. No one asserts that Negroes in New York City are subjected to unequal treatment in any of these places or that the demonstrations were intended to remove discrimination there; the protests were directed at alleged unequal treatment generally "in the City, State and Nation." This leaves the cases from Bronx County. We shall assume that the school at which these two appellants were distributing leaflets was in their view a segregated one; on the other hand, there is not a word in the petitions, nor has there been the slightest suggestion from counsel, that the appellants were or had children in that school.

It would indeed be pleasant if we could conscientiously avoid decision here. The interpretative problems are difficult, due to the age of the statute, the lack of decisions thereunder and the mangling which it has undergone; it is unfortunate that, in subjecting remands under §1443 to review, the draftsmen of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, understandably preoccupied with more pressing issues, did not attempt to clarify what that venerable statute meant. The pain of decision is exacerbated when one choice may somewhat impair expectations entertained by persons of good will whose objectives we admire, and the other, in our view, would do violence to institutions and relations we hold equally dear, the continued efficient functioning of which has far greater long-run importance to minorities than the special relief here sought. But, as Judge Learned Hand so frequently reminded us, often in more colorful language, it is "a judge's duty to decide, not to debate," The Spirit of Liberty 100 (1959 paperback ed.)—and here to construe, not to suggest a variety of possible constructions without coming to rest on any one. Apart from desiderata as to the instant prosecutions, the district courts in this circuit require guidance as to other cases that have been accumulating while we have had these under advisement. And

it will be more helpful to the Supreme Court and to the Congress—and it is well to remember it is a statute we are expounding—for us to expose the problems raised by the removal petitions here before us and state what we consider their proper solution under existing law, rather than postpone the issue by remanding these cases and having them back six months hence with the issues no different then than now.

We turn initially to the history of the statute. Section 1443 stems from §3 of the first Civil Rights Act, 14 Stat. 27 (1866), quite obviously enacted under the power conferred by the recently adopted Thirteenth Amendment and prior to the adoption of the Fourteenth. Section 1 of the Act declared that, with exceptions not here relevant, "all persons born in the United States . . . of every race and color, without regard to any previous condition of slavery or involuntary servitude . . . shall have the same right . . . to make and enforce contracts, to sue, be parties, and give evidence, to inherit, purchase, lease, sell, hold, and convey real and personal property, and to full and equal benefit of all laws and proceedings for the security of person and property, as is enjoyed by white citizens, and shall be subject to like punishment, pains, and penalties, and to none other . . ." Section 2 made it a crime for any person "under color of any law, statute, ordinance, regulation, or custom" to deprive any person of any right secured by the Act. There follows the removal provision, §3, the first sentence of which we quote in the margin.[5]

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5 *"And be it further enacted,* That the district courts of the United States, within their respective districts, shall have, exclusively of the courts of the several States, cognizance of all crimes and offences committed against the provisions of this act, and also, concurrently with the circuit courts of the United States, of all causes, civil and criminal, affecting persons who are denied or cannot enforce in the courts or judicial tribunals of the State or locality where they may be any of the rights secured to them by the first section of this act; and if any

The Act of May 31, 1870, 16 Stat. 140, reenacted the Civil Rights Act of 1866, safeguarded the equal rights of citizens to vote, and defined, among others, the crime of conspiring to injure a citizen in the exercise of rights "granted or secured to him by the Constitution or laws of the United States," now 18 U. S. C. §241. Although the new act had added a major new statutory right and expanded original federal jurisdiction in several respects, the 1866 removal provision was not broadened significantly. An amendatory Act of Feb. 28, 1871, 16 Stat. 433, created a scheme for supervising federal elections and made certain provisions for removal in voting rights cases.

The first important change of language in the removal section came in the Revised Statutes of 1875 and 1878, the former of which constituted "positive law."[6] In codi-

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suit or prosecution, civil or criminal, has been or shall be commenced in any State court, against any such person, for any cause whatsoever, or against any officer, civil or military, or other person, for any arrest or imprisonment, trespasses, or wrongs done or committed by virtue or under color of authority derived from this act or the act establishing a Bureau for the relief of Freedmen and Refugees, and all acts amendatory thereof, or for refusing to do any act upon the ground that it would be inconsistent with this act, such defendant shall have the right to remove such cause for trial to the proper district or circuit court in the manner prescribed by the 'Act relating to habeas corpus and regulating judicial proceedings in certain cases,' approved March three, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, and all acts amendatory thereof."

The provision was rather clearly modeled on §5 of the Habeas Corpus Act of 1863, 12 Stat. 756, which provided:

"*And be it further enacted*, That if any suit or prosecution, civil or criminal, has been or shall be commenced in any state court against any officer, civil or military, or against any other person, for any arrest or imprisonment made, or other trespasses or wrongs done or committed, or any act omitted to be done, at any time during the present rebellion, by virtue or under color of any authority derived from or exercised by or under the President of the United States, or any act of Congress, . . . " then the defendant may, after compliance with certain procedural requirements, remove the action to a federal court.

6 The first edition of the Revised Statutes was authorized in 1866, completed in final form in 1873, enacted in 1874, and published as

fying the laws these revisions distributed what had become the considerable bundle of provisions concerning civil rights among four titles. Title XXIV, entitled "Civil Rights," included the former §1 of the Civil Rights Act of 1866, divided into two sections, 1977 and 1978, which have been carried forward as 42 U. S. C. §§1981 and 1982. The civil liability which §1 of the Act to Enforce the Provisions of the Fourteenth Amendment, 17 Stat. 13 (1871), had created in respect of any person who, under color of any state law, subjected another person "to the deprivation of any rights, privileges, or immunities secured by the Constitution of the United States," was broadened to include "the Constitution and laws"; this became §1979, now 42 U. S. C. §1983. Title XXVI, The Elective Franchise, comprised all the rights, rules and civil liabilities related to voting. Criminal provisions concerning civil rights and voting appeared in Chapter 7 of Title LXX, "Crimes." The jurisdictional provisions, both for original jurisdiction and on removal, were placed in Chapter 7 of Title XIII, "The Judiciary." The removal provision, §3 of the Civil Rights Act, became §641, reading as follows:

> "When any civil suit or criminal prosecution is commenced in any State court, for any cause whatsoever, against any person who is denied or cannot enforce in the judicial tribunals of the State, or in the part of the State where such suit or prosecution is pending, any right secured to him by any law providing for the equal civil rights of citizens of the United States, or of all persons within the jurisdiction of the United States, or against any officer, civil or military,

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18 Statutes at Large (part I) in 1875. See Dwan & Feidler, The Federal Statutes—Their History and Use, 22 Minn. L. Rev. 1008 (1938). Adopting one of several possible usages, we label the first edition as the "Revised Statutes of 1875" and, for simplicity, refer to its compilers as the Revisers of 1875.

or other person, for any arrest or imprisonment or other trespasses or wrongs, made or committed by virtue of or under color of authority derived from any law providing for equal rights as aforesaid, or for refusing to do any act on the ground that it would be inconsistent with such law, such suit or prosecution may, upon the petition of such defendant, filed in said State court at any time before the trial or final hearing of the cause, stating the facts and verified by oath, be removed, for trial, into the next circuit court to be held in the district where it is pending."

Section 641 was carried forward into §31 of the Judicial Code of 1911, 36 Stat. 1096, without any real change. In contrast, the 1948 codification greatly altered the language. Procedural details were split off into other sections; the structure was rearranged by putting the verb "may be removed" before both clauses instead of after both and by separating the clauses with numbers; the words "any officer, civil or military, or other person" in the second clause were dropped, with nothing supplied to replace them; "arrest or imprisonment or other trespasses or wrongs, made or committed by virtue of or under color of authority" was contracted to "any act under color of authority"; and the "as aforesaid" after "any law providing for equal rights" in clause (2) was eliminated. At the same time an important change, obviously of substance and clearly so indicated in the Reviser's Note, was made in the removal provision, §1442, dealing with federal officers. The corresponding provision in Rev. Stat. §643, carried forward in §33 of the 1911 Code, 36 Stat. 1097, had covered civil suits or criminal proceedings against officers or other persons acting under the revenue laws.[7] Section 1442(a)(1) of the 1948 Code

7 The emphasis on revenue officers goes back to statutes enacted to meet New England's resistance to the War of 1812, Act of Feb. 14,

expanded this coverage to allow removal by "any officer of the United States or any agency thereof, or person acting under him, for any act under color of such office or on account of any rights, title or authority claimed under any Act of Congress for the apprehension or punishment of criminals or the collection of the revenue."

I. This history assists us in disposing of the State's first argument in support of remand, namely, that the two clauses of §1443 must be read together and the conditions of both satisfied. The argument derives from the action of the 1948 Reviser in eliminating the venerable words "any officer, civil or military, or other person" and also the "or" which had always separated the two clauses, thus leaving clause (2) without any referent and arguably linking it to clause (1). But the State's textual argument is overborne by a multitude of other considerations. Until 1948 the two clauses were grammatically parallel and were always separated by an "or"; and the 1948 Congress could not have meant that an officer seeking to avail himself of the second clause, which often would have afforded his sole basis for removal, would also have to meet the tests of the first. An intention on the part of the 1948 Congress to collapse two independent grounds of removal, recognized for three-quarters of a century, into a single one, more limited than either, ought not be assumed unless compelled by the language or supported by legislative history. But there is no such history and the linguistic difficulties in reading the two clauses as alternatives are more grammatical than semantic —it is not really hard to see that Congress was driving at two things rather than at one; indeed, the difficulties in such

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1815, §8, 3 Stat. 198, and South Carolina's resistance to the tariff, Act of March 2, 1833, §3, 4 Stat. 633. Section 643 also covered other possibilities, notably officers and other persons acting under Title XXVI, the elective franchise—a provision omitted in 1911.

a reading are rather less formidable than those entailed in an attempt to read the second clause as limiting the first. The general scheme of the jurisdiction sections of the Judicial Code is that numbered clauses are alternatives, see, e.g., §§1332(a), 1333, 1343, 1442(a). We treat the omission of a referent in §1443(2) as an unwise attempt by the Reviser to achieve compactness; what referent should be supplied is a different question, discussed in Section III below.

II. We deal next with the State's argument that appellants' acts went beyond the proper bounds of the freedom of speech and petition that the Constitution guarantees. The short answer, when the argument is stated in this breadth, is that these are the very questions which, under appellants' construction of §1443(2), Congress meant to have decided in a federal trial; a defendant seeking removal under that section does not have to prove preliminarily that he will prevail. It is true that a particular case might go so far beyond any possible scope of the right relied on as to transcend the most expansive reading of §1443(2); it could not be seriously contended, for example, that assaulting a state official for delay on his part in achieving integration was protected by any provision of the Constitution. But the State has not shown that the appellants here fail on this ground.

III. We thus reach a more serious contention, namely, that §1443(2) covers only officers and those persons assisting them or acting in some way on behalf of government. To say that clause (2) contains no description of who may invoke it is not a sufficient answer; some referent must be supplied.

Appellants say that the original language of the Civil Rights Act, allowing "any officer . . . *or other person*" to remove, must also have permitted removal by persons

not acting officially, that is, persons merely exercising certain civil rights. This juxtaposition of "officer" and "other person" was carried forward into every revision from Rev. Stat. §641 onwards until 1948, and the 1948 revision surely did not mean to narrow removal. But, although *ejusdem generis,* relied on by the State to limit "or other person" to a quasi-official, is a dubious aid, see the opposing instances in Llewellyn, The Common Law Tradition: Deciding Appeals 526-27 (1960), there are extremely substantial arguments in support of the State's construction.

One begins with the troubling question why if "other person" in fact meant "any person," Congress did not simply repeat in the second or "authority" clause of §3 of the Act of 1866 and §641 of the Revised Statutes, these words which it had already used in the first or "denial" clause. Next, since the first clause was directed only toward freedmen's rights, symmetry would suggest that the second clause concerned only acts of enforcement. "Arrest or imprisonment, trespasses, or wrongs," were precisely the probable charges against enforcement officers and those assisting them; and a statute speaking of such acts "done or committed by virtue of or under color of authority derived from" specified laws reads far more readily on persons engaged in some sort of enforcement than on those whose rights were being enforced, as to whom words like "acts founded upon" would have been much more appropriate. The inclusion of "or other person" can readily be explained without going so far as appellants urge. In anticipation of massive local resistance Congress devoted §§4-10 of the Civil Rights Act of 1866 to provisions compelling and facilitating the arrest and prosecution of violators of §2, the criminal sanction for §1 rights. These sections authorized and required district attorneys to prosecute under §2, fined marshals who declined to serve warrants, authorized federal commissioners

to "appoint, in writing . . . any one or more suitable persons, from time to time" to serve warrants, empowered the persons so appointed "to summon and call to their aid the bystanders or posse comitatus of the proper county, or such portion of the . . . forces of the United States" as was needed, and made interference with warrant service a further federal crime. Although the "one or more suitable persons" might be deemed "officers," the bystanders and the posse comitatus were not, and were surely among those covered by "other person." The argument for a limited construction of "other person" in the "authority" clause is aided by the consideration that the 1866 Act conferred original jurisdiction only for the "denial" category. The freedmen would need that resource, whereas officers and persons acting under or in aid of them normally would not. Finally, the derivation of §3 of the 1866 Act from §5 of the Habeas Corpus Act of 1863, see fn. 5, argues against appellants' broad construction. The "any other person" in the 1863 act was someone who had been deputized by the President or by Congress to do something, not a person asserting his own rights. It is rather logical to assume that Congress had the same kind of "person" in mind when it used the same phrase in the Civil Rights Act of 1866 and repeated it in §641 of the Revised Statutes.

Appellants' counterargument as to the meaning of the Reconstruction legislation rests largely on the basis that when Congress wanted to limit a removal provision to officers and persons acting under or in aid of them, it knew how to say so. The first such act, 3 Stat. 198 (1815), had referred to "any collector, naval officer, surveyor, inspector, or any other officer, civil or military, or any other person aiding or assisting, agreeable to the provisions of this act, or under color thereof, for anything done, or omitted to be done, as an officer of the customs, or for any thing done by

virtue of this act or under color thereof . . ."[8] And the very Congress that adopted the Civil Rights Act of 1866 provided for removal of any civil or criminal action "against any officer of the United States, appointed under or acting by authority of [certain prior revenue acts] . . . or against any person acting under or by authority of any such officer on account of any act done under color of his office, or against any person holding property or estate by title derived from any such officer, concerning such property or estate, and affecting the validity of [the revenue laws] . . ." 14 Stat. 171.

Moreover, appellants contend that even if the State were right as to the meaning of the Reconstruction legislation, a broadening change was effected in 1948 since, the Reviser's surgery having left clause (2) without a referent, the "any person" of clause (1) is a readier source than the words in predecessor statutes. This argument gains support from the condensation of the historic "for any arrest or imprisonment or other trespasses or wrongs, made or committed by virtue of or under color of authority derived from any law providing for equal rights as aforesaid," language rather strongly suggesting enforcement activity, into the more neutral "for any act under color of authority derived from any law providing for equal rights." Force is added by the simultaneous broadening of §1442(a)(2) dealing with federal officers, which we have outlined above, a change which makes §1443(2) largely redundant if it is confined to officers and persons acting under them.

Against this is the point that the 1948 Reviser gave no indication that §1443 was being substantively changed; the Note to the section spoke only of changes in phraseology,

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8 On the other hand, the Act of March 2, 1833, §3, 4 Stat. 633, used "or other person" without any qualification, and it is hard to believe that this act contemplated broader removal.

and a Congress preoccupied with other matters doubtless took him at his word. The courts have had frequent occasion to become familiar with the penchant of the 1948 Reviser for making a "quite unnecessary change in phraseology, apparently motivated in part by a stylistic preference," Gilmore & Black, The Law of Admiralty 35 (1957), without adequately considering the consequences arguably incident to the alteration and consequently without informing Congress of its possible effect. In the case of the "saving to suitors" clause, 28 U. S. C. §1333(1), discussed in the cited text, the Supreme Court found that the words of 1789 were a better guide to current Congressional purpose than those of 1948. *Madruga* v. *Superior Court,* 346 U. S. 556, 560 & n. 12 (1954). And in *Fourco Glass Co.* v. *Transmirra Prods. Corp.,* 353 U. S. 222, 227 (1957), the Court gave effect to "statements made by several of the persons having importantly to do with the 1948 revision . . . that no changes of law or policy are to be presumed from changes of language in the revision unless an intent to make such changes is clearly expressed."

While it has seemed worthwhile to set forth these arguments and counterarguments in detail, we find it unnecessary in this case to decide between them. For the appeals fail on other grounds, although these are not unrelated to the point just discussed.

IV. We next consider whether appellants' claims under the equal protection clause of the Fourteenth Amendment and its statutory precursor, 42 U. S. C. §1981, meet the "color of authority" or inconsistency requirements of §1443(2).

We begin by returning to the text we must construe. We have agreed with appellants that §1443(2) affords a ground for removal separate from §1443(1), and we are henceforth assuming, *arguendo,* that §1443(2) is not lim-

ited to officers or persons acting at their instance or on their behalf. It is undisputed, as the textual history demonstrates, that the laws referred to in the two clauses are the same, despite the more abbreviated language of the second. Yet a person relying on "a right under any law providing for the equal civil rights of citizens of the United States" may remove only if he "is denied or cannot enforce" that right in the state courts, whereas a person whose act is "under color of authority derived from" such a law may remove without any such limitation. It necessarily follows that "under color of authority derived from" in §1443(2) has a narrower meaning than "a right under" in §1443(1), since otherwise, in almost all cases covered by the first clause, which clearly covers deprivations of substantive rights and not merely procedural inequalities, the requirement of showing denial or inability to enforce would be avoided by resort to the second.

We gain a valuable insight into the meaning of "color of authority" if we reflect on the cases at which §1443(2) was primarily aimed and to which it indubitably applies—acts of officers or quasi-officers. The officer granted removal under §3 of the Civil Rights Act of 1866 and its predecessor, §5 of the Habeas Corpus Act of 1863, would not have been relying on a general constitutional guarantee but on a specific statute or order telling him to act. Cf. *Hodgson* v. *Millward,* 12 Fed. Cas. 568 (No. 6) (C. C. Pa. 1863), approved in *Braun* v. *Sauerwein,* 77 U. S. (10 Wall.) 218, 224 (1869).[9] A private person claiming the benefit of §1443(2) can stand no better; he must point to some law that directs or encourages him to act in a certain manner, not merely

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9 *Cunningham* v. *Neagle,* 135 U. S. 1 (1890), cited in the dissent, did not arise under a statute using the phrase "color of authority." However the specific direction of the Attorney General to Neagle, 135 U. S. at 48, is a good example of what would clearly constitute "color of authority."

to a generalized constitutional provision that will give him a defense or to an equally general statute that may impose civil or criminal liability on persons interfering with him.

Unwillingness to recognize this lies at the basis of our brother's dissent. It may be true enough that in common usage and understanding a person would be thought to have "color of authority"—although this is not exactly the ordinary discourse of laymen—to do any act for which he can successfully defend or for interference with which he can recover damages or ask the government to prosecute. But the issue is not the usage and understanding of ordinary words but the meaning of technical words in the particular context in which Congress used them in the two clauses of §3 of the Civil Rights Act of 1866 as this has been carried forward into 28 U. S. C. §1443. "If the history of the interpretation of judiciary legislation teaches us anything, it teaches the duty to reject treating such statutes as a wooden set of self-sufficient words . . ." *Romero* v. *International Terminal Operating Co.*, 358 U. S. 354, 379 (1959). A Court much closer to the Reconstruction legislation than we are, *Bigelow* v. *Forrest*, 76 U. S. (9 Wall.) 339, 348-49 (1869), applying the removal provision of the Habeas Corpus Act of 1863, see fn. 5, decided squarely that even when there was a specific statute or presidential order, not every act deriving its foundation therefrom was "under color of authority" of the statute or order for removal purposes.

Our problem as to the equal protection clause and 42 U. S. C. §1981 is thus not whether these are laws providing for equal rights, as they clearly are, but whether they confer "color of authority," in the sense of §1443(2), to perform the acts that are the subject of the state prosecution. We find ourselves unable to give an affirmative answer. Although alleged denial of equal protection in schools and other respects afforded the motivation and was the subject

of appellants' acts, neither the equal protection clause nor §1981 confers "color of authority" to perform acts which a state alleges to be in violation of laws of general application intended to preserve the peace from disturbance by anyone. The constitutional provision and the statute are addressed to preventing inequality in the treatment of conduct, and to that great purpose alone. They give no constitutional defense, let alone "authority," for disregard of laws providing for the equal punishment of disturbers of the peace simply because the disturbances were in the course of protests over alleged denial of equality in schools, housing or economic opportunity—any more than the Second Amendment bestows "authority" to disturb the peace in the course of a protest over an alleged denial of the right to keep arms or the Fourth Amendment does so with respect to a protest over police methods. A different case from any here before us would be presented if the act complained of in the state suit was performed in the defendant's exercise of an equal right, such as the right to equal accommodations under §201 of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which Congress has singled out for federal protection. In such a case it could be contended that Congress "authorized" self-help to enforce such a specifically granted right,[10]

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10 In *Hamm* v. *City of Rock Hill*, —— U. S. —— (1964), the majority said that "the language of §203(c) supports a conclusion that nonforcible attempts to gain admittance to or remain in establishments covered by the Act, are immunized from prosecution, for the statute speaks of exercising . . . a 'right or privilege' secured by its earlier provisions." But the statement of Mr. Justice Black, dissenting: "I do not understand from what the Court says that it interprets those provisions of the Civil Rights Act [of 1964] which give a right to be served without discrimination in an establishment which the Act covers as also authorizing persons who are unlawfully refused service a 'right' to take the law into their own hands by sitting down and occupying the premises for as long as they choose to stay," —— U. S. ——, creates doubt whether the majority's statement goes as far as the instant dissent implies.

Considerations similar to those stated in the text with respect to public accommodations, dealt with in Title II of the Civil Rights Act

and that the same principle would include a protest by the aggrieved person at a segregated place of accommodation on the theory that the greater includes the less. That would be altogether different from saying that other protests over lack of equal treatment, such as those at issue on these appeals, derive "color of authority" from the equal protection clause or equal rights statutes; the relevant provision here is the First Amendment as incorporated in the due process clause of the Fourteenth, see *Cox* v. *Louisiana*, —— U. S. —— (1965), and we will later discuss appellants' claims in that regard. Similarly, submission to the orders of law officers to desist from conduct forbidden by general state penal laws is not "inconsistent" with the equal protection clause or with §1981 simply because the conduct was a protest over lack of equal protection; neither the constitutional provision nor the statute directs anyone to resist.[11]

Appellants do not urge that New York has administered its penal laws in a discriminatory manner, so that conduct which the statutes forbid on their face would nevertheless be tolerated if carried on by a different group or for a dif-

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of 1964, might apply to the cases, put in the dissent, of a Negro who used self-help to register at a state university or who picketed in protest over a refusal, since, as our brother persuasively argues, Congress would have included an affirmation respecting public education in Title IV similar to that in §201(a) as to public accommodations if it had considered this necessary. But even if such cases should ultimately be held within §1443(2)—an issue on which we express no opinion, such a construction would not go beyond protests by those, or parents of those, attending or seeking to attend the particular school where the protest took place. None of the petitions here save the two Bronx County cases concerned protests at a school, and there is nothing to suggest that either of these persons was a child or the parent of a child at that school.

11 History makes plain that the "refusal" language had a very limited purpose. The reason assigned for insertion in the 1866 Act was that it was "to enable State officers, who shall refuse to enforce State laws discriminating in reference to these rights on account of race or color, to remove their cases to the United States courts when prosecuted for refusing to enforce those laws." Cong. Globe, 39th Cong., 1st Sess. 1366 (1866).

ferent cause, see *Yick Wo* v. *Hopkins*, 118 U. S. 356 (1886); *Niemotko* v. *Maryland*, 340 U. S. 268 (1951); *Fowler* v. *Rhode Island*, 345 U. S. 67 (1953), and they have made no suggestion that they wished to or properly could amend the petitions to assert this. Even if this had been plausibly asserted, it would still do some violence to the structure of §1443, as we have analyzed this, to say that the equal protection clause or 42 U. S. C. §1981 gives "color of authority" to perform an act, forbidden by nondiscriminatory legislation, which the state can constitutionally punish if only it punishes all persons doing acts of the same kind, and thus afford basis for removal under §1443(2) without the necessity of alleging denial or inability to enforce rights under these laws in the state courts, as would be required under §1443(1). Whatever the ultimate resolution of such questions may be, they are not before us on these appeals.

It is wholly consistent with the scheme of the removal statute to say that generalized guarantees of equal rights do not afford color of authority under the second clause of §1443. Such guarantees are within the first clause; even if the second clause should be held to include private citizens, it was drawn with primary reference to officers and persons acting at their instance; and we see no basis for the dissent's suggestion that our construction would frequently make it unavailable even to them.

V. Appellants' contentions based on statutes such as 42 U. S. C. §§1983 and 1985 and 18 U. S. C. §§241-42, creating civil claims or imposing criminal penalties for deprivation of constitutional rights, are unfounded for two reasons. As will be explained in section VI of this opinion, we do not believe that such statutes, coextensive with the whole reach of the Constitution, are laws providing for *equal* rights to which alone §1443 is addressed. And, as already shown, in order for a statute to provide "color of authority" to perform an act in the special context of §1443(2), it must

do more than protect conduct by giving remedies to the offended party. In that sense, all that is "authorized" by the statutes here under discussion is the award of damages or of criminal punishment. And it is in no way "inconsistent" with them for the victim to suffer the deprivation and then bring a civil suit or request the bringing of a criminal prosecution—the very purpose for which the statutes were designed.

VI. We thus turn to appellants' claims based on the prohibition, in the due process clause of the Fourteenth Amendment, of deprivation of "liberty," including the freedom of speech and petition guaranteed by the First Amendment. We hold that quite apart from the question of "color of authority," which would also require resolution in this context, the claims fail on the ground that these basic guarantees are not laws providing for "equal" civil rights to which §1443 is confined.

It is clear that rights of this sort were not in the contemplation of the framers of §3 of the Civil Rights Act of 1866. In that act, adopted prior to ratification of the Fourteenth Amendment, what has become §1443(2) permitted removal only "for any arrest or imprisonment, trespasses, or wrongs done or committed by virtue or under color of authority derived from this act" and the Freedmen's Bureau Acts. None of these statutes has any provision remotely relating to the general protection of freedom of speech or petition against state infringement, and there would hardly have been constitutional basis for so providing. After the ratification of the Fourteenth Amendment, Congress left the cross-reference unchanged until the passage of the Revised Statutes of 1875, and it added no additional removal provisions here significant in the interval.[12] But

12 We do not consider that the reference in the Act of April 20, 1871, §1, 17 Stat. 13, the antecedent of 42 U. S. C. §1983, authorizing "such proceeding to be prosecuted in the several district or circuit courts of

the Revised Statutes altered the cross-reference to "any law providing for equal [civil] rights." The issue posed is whether it was thereby intended that a claim that an act, challenged by a civil suit or criminal prosecution in a state court as a disturbance of the peace, was protected by the constitutional guarantee of liberty, would satisfy the requirement of showing that the act was "made or committed by virtue of or under color of authority derived from" a "law providing for equal [civil] rights," or that a similar claim with respect to any refusal to act so challenged was "on the ground that it would be inconsistent with such law." [13]

It would be strange if what was represented to be a mere codification accomplished so great a substantive

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the United States, with and subject to the same rights of appeal, review upon error, and other remedies provided in like cases in such courts," under the provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1866, "and the other remedial laws of the United States which are in their nature applicable in such cases," had the effect of making applicable the removal provisions of the 1866 act. "Such proceeding" is the private cause of action created by the 1871 act, and the cross-reference was rather to the portions of §3 dealing with original jurisdiction in civil causes and to §10 of the 1866 act. When Congress wished to expand the removal provisions, it used much more explicit language, as in the Act of Feb. 28, 1871, §16, 16 Stat. 438.

13 Apology for examination of this issue is scarcely needed; the dissent's reference to Mr. Justice Frankfurter's witty reference in *Greenwood* v. *United States*, 350 U. S. 366, 374 (1956), is misplaced. We are not at all seeking to overcome clear statutory language by resort to legislative materials. If the words are read in their "ordinary" meaning, they are limited to laws stated in terms of equality, both because that is what they say and because "equal" would otherwise be redundant. We examine the history to determine whether Congress meant something more than it said, and conclude it did not. It is passing strange to find Mr. Justice Frankfurter, very likely the strongest advocate of a historical approach to statutory construction ever to sit on the Supreme Court, see, e.g., *Phelps Dodge Corp.* v. *NLRB*, 313 U. S. 177, 186 (1943); *United States* v. *Monia*, 317 U. S. 424, 432 (1943) (dissenting opinion); *Monroe* v. *Pape*, 365 U. S. 167, 211-46 (1961) (dissenting opinion), cited as opposing this.

change. The issue is not whether the Reconstruction Congress would have been capable of so drastic an alteration in judicial jurisdiction. The point rather is that it would be a flight of fancy to attribute, on the basis of a readily explicable change in wording, such an undisclosed purpose to a Congress which was aiming only to "revise, simplify, codify, arrange, and consolidate" existing statutes, and was so intent on avoiding substantive alterations that it designated a lawyer for the purpose of eradicating any such changes made by the codifying commission.[14] The need for the 1875 Revisers' altering the cross-reference in §3 of the Act of 1866 arose, as has been explained, from the very fact of codification and the consequent separation of the removal provisions from the rights and authorizations to which they referred. It is far more reasonable to conclude that the Revisers were thinking of laws stated in egalitarian terms, notably those that had been §1 of the Civil Rights Act and had become Rev. Stat. §§1977-78, now 42 U. S. C. §§1981-82, which is what they said, than that they meant to extend the right of removal to any person claiming the "liberty" protected by the newly adopted amendment, whose effect in that respect was, to say the least, then uncertain.

This view that no significant change with respect to removal was intended is confirmed by the Revisers' choice of the phrase best suited to convey the thought that only rights like those originally defined in §1 of the Civil Rights Act of 1866 were to continue to constitute a basis therefor —"any law providing for equal rights." The rights protected by §1 of the Civil Rights Act of 1866 were not absolutes but relatives; they were rights to equality—the limit

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14 See Act of June 27, 1866, 14 Stat. 74; Dwan and Feidler, *supra* note 6, 1013-14. It is said that the final revision passed the Senate in 40 minutes. See *id.* at 1015 n. 38.

of Congressional power when the legislation had to be rested solely on the Thirteenth Amendment. Appellants say that since the rights of freedom of speech and of petition are guaranteed to all and not just to some, they also are "equal" civil rights. But this truism, which is the strength of the argument, is also its weakness. What is so obvious to appellants must have been just as obvious to Congress, and "equal" would thus have been surplusage. That the Reconstruction Congress knew how to speak more broadly is evidenced by §1 of the Act of April 20, 1871, 17 Stat. 13, later Rev. Stat. §1979, and now 42 U. S. C. §1983, referring to the deprivation of "any rights, privileges or immunities" and particularly by Rev. Stat. §629 Sixteenth, now 28 U. S. C. §1343(3), giving the circuit courts original jurisdiction of suits for the deprivation under color of state authority "of any right, privilege, or immunity, secured by the Constitution of the United States, or of any right secured by any law providing for equal rights of citizens of the United States, or of all persons within the jurisdiction of the United States." Congress thus recognized the existence of a special body of laws providing for *equal* rights distinguishable from the universal protections of the Constitution. It was these *equal* rights laws, which had been referred to in the removal section as enacted in 1866 and were carried forward into the Revised Statutes, that furnished a basis for removal.

If there is thus no reason for thinking that Congress intended any significant substantive change in the cross-reference of the removal statute when it made the revision of 1875, there is equally little reason for believing that it had that purpose in the revisions of 1911 or of 1948. Because of the Supreme Court's restrictive interpretation of what is now §1443(1), see *infra*, and the prohibition of appellate review of orders of remand, the civil rights removal statute had been little used, and nothing suggests that the

1911 and 1948 Congresses were in any way concerned about this. We do not wish to be misunderstood as saying that the cross-reference today covers only those equal rights laws that existed in 1866. As Congress enacts new laws relating to equal rights, the cross-reference in §1443 takes them in; unquestionably the Civil Rights Act of 1964 is a law providing for equal rights within the removal statute. But that is very different from saying that every civil right conferred on all is so included.

On this point we receive also the welcome aid of authority. One of the claims in *Gibson* v. *Mississippi,* 162 U. S. 565, 586 (1896), where removal had been sought under the "denial" clause, was "that the statute under which the grand jury was organized was *ex post facto* when applied to the case of the present defendant . . ." The first Mr. Justice Harlan remarked, "This question does not depend upon section 641 of the Revised Statutes, but upon the clause of the Constitution forbidding a State to pass an *ex post facto* law," so that the claim was relevant only to the correctness of the state court judgment and not to that of the order of remand. Yet the right of protection against an *ex post facto* law is surely a civil right secured by the Constitution and, on appellants' theory, an "equal" civil right which was being denied by the state. Similarly, *Steele* v. *Superior Court of California,* 164 F. 2d 781, 782 (9 Cir. 1947), cert. denied, 333 U. S. 861 (1948), held that the practice of admitting evidence obtained by unlawful search and seizure then followed in California did not render a prosecution removable under the "denial" clause, since although there might be a denial of a civil right, there was no denial of *equal* civil rights, "such as a discrimination against a particular race."[15] Finally, *Douglas* v. *City of*

15 The importance of the *Steele* case lies in its recognition that "equal civil rights" are a narrower category than civil rights. A state procedural rule discriminating on racial grounds would, of course, furnish

Jeannette, 319 U. S. 157 (1943), lends strong inferential support to the conclusion that a claimed violation of the liberty guaranteed by the due process clause does not afford ground for removal. This was an action in a federal court to enjoin a threatened state criminal prosecution which, it was alleged, would deprive the plaintiffs of rights to freedom of speech and of religion—a prosecution which, on the view of the appellants here, could have been removed under the present §1443(2). The Court held that the action had been properly brought under what has become 28 U. S. C. §1343 (3) giving federal jurisdiction over suits to enforce claims under Rev. Stat. §1979, now 42 U. S. C. §1983, but that an injunction against the state prosecution had been correctly denied. It said, 319 U. S. at 163, that "Congress, by its legislation, has adopted the policy, with certain well defined statutory exceptions, of leaving generally to the state courts the trial of criminal cases arising under state laws, subject to review by this Court of any federal questions involved," and "Where the threatened prosecution is by state officers for alleged violations of a state law, the state courts are the final arbiters of its meaning and application, subject only to review by this Court on federal grounds appropriately asserted." These remarks would hardly have been appropriate if the Court had thought the criminal proceeding sought to be enjoined was one whose removal was authorized under the "well defined statutory exceptions." [16]

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a basis for removal under §1443(1), and a practice of discriminating in enforcement would likewise do so except for the Supreme Court decisions cited below. Whether the existence of such a practice gives "color of authority" to violate state laws is another matter, mentioned above, which it is unnecessary to decide on these appeals.

16 It is hardly attributing "omniscience" to the Court that decided the *Douglas* case, see fn. 9 to the instant dissent, to suggest that a bench including Justices so devoted to the cause of civil rights and so expert in federal jurisdiction as Stone, Black, Frankfurter, and Douglas, would not have implied so strongly that the case before them could not have been removed without considering whether it could have been.

Our view that §1443(2) applies only to rights that are granted in terms of equality and not to the whole gamut of constitutional rights, is strengthened by the very different effects of the two constructions on federal-state relations. The former construction would mean, e.g.,—if the obstacle discussed in Section III of this opinion can be surmounted —that a freedman who was arrested for occupying property he had purchased or for fighting off an evictor might remove on the basis that he was acting "by virtue of or under color of authority derived from" Rev. Stat. §1978, or, in today's terms, that the same might be true of persons utilizing self-enforcement in respect of the rights "to the full and equal enjoyment of the goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, and accommodations of any place of public accommodation," granted by §201(a) of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. It could be argued in such cases that Congress had focused upon a particular problem and had decided that allowing removal to persons who had engaged in self-help to achieve certain specific goals was necessary to effectuate its purpose.

Such a construction would be altogether different from saying that the Congresses of 1875, of 1911, or of 1948 meant to authorize removal whenever a state suit or prosecution concerned what allegedly was an unconstitutional deprivation of the universal right to "liberty." Even if there were basis for somehow limiting this to civil rights demonstrators, the burden cast on the federal courts would be formidable, as recent events have shown. But a claim of such deprivation would also exist in the case of a suit or prosecution for publishing an allegedly lewd or subversive book, for exhibiting an obscene moving picture, for a speech claimed to constitute an incitement to riot, for libel of a public official, for parading for a political cause without a permit, for violating a Sunday law, for refusing to obey a public health measure offensive to a religious belief, or in

other cases too numerous to mention. Neither do we see any reasoned basis whereby, on appellants' argument, only rights to liberty of the First Amendment type would afford basis for removal. Prosecutions for the practice of professions without a license, for the sale of articles alleged to be unconstitutionally banned, or for conduct which, it is claimed, the state has not prohibited with required specificity—all these and many more would come within the sweep of §1443(2). Compare *Hornsby* v. *Allen*, 326 F. 2d 605, rehearing denied, 330 F. 2d 55 (5 Cir. 1964). Although the unexpected character of such a wholesale transfer of jurisdiction from state to federal courts, the disruption of relationships incident to making the federal courts a major forum for state criminal trials, often at places remote from the scene of the crime, and the burden that would be placed on federal tribunals ill-equipped to shoulder new tasks of such magnitude, would not justify refusal to respond to a clear Congressional command, such considerations suggest the need for carefully attending to what Congress meant by §1443(2) and its predecessors. Realizing the hindrance to interpretation resulting from the prohibition of direct review of remand orders since 1887, we think the presumption is still "powerful that such a far-reaching dislocating construction . . . was not uncovered by judges, lawyers or scholars for . . . years because it is not there." *Romero* v. *International Terminal Operating Co., supra*, 358 U. S. at 370-71.

In recognition of the disruptive character of such a construction, the dissent seems to suggest a principle limiting invocation of the due process clause as regards §1443(2) to cases where a protest concerns an alleged denial of substantive equal protection. But the guarantee of liberty in the due process clause either is or is not a law providing for equal rights within the removal statute, and if it gives "color of authority" for one type of protest, it does so for

all. The First Amendment as incorporated in the Fourteenth protects speech and petition regardless of subject-matter; protests about nuclear armament, or substandard wages, or the grant or denial of public aid to parochial schools, are protected to the same degree as protests over the racial composition of public schools.

Because of the extensive review of the historical development of the relevant legislation demanded by the importance and the novelty of the issues and in order to promote certainty as to our decision, we here summarize our conclusions:

(1) We reject the State's contention that the "denial" and the "authority" clauses of the civil rights removal statute should be read as one; the statute permits removal in either of two distinct categories of cases, today as it has since 1866.

(2) We reject any view that the "authority" clause of the civil rights removal statute can be invoked only if the petitioner preliminarily demonstrates that the challenged conduct was within the federal law relied on, the very issue on which he seeks a federal trial—subject only to the *caveat* that particular conduct may have gone so far beyond any possible interpretation of the rights allegedly conferred as not to furnish a colorable basis for removal.

(3) We do not decide whether the "authority" clause is limited to officers and persons assisting them or acting in some way on behalf of government, or whether private citizens exercising equal rights, such as the beneficiaries of the equal rights statutes of the Reconstruction era and of certain provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, may invoke the "authority" clause of the statute as well as the "denial" clause.

(4) When the removal statute speaks of "color of authority derived from" a law providing for equal rights, it refers to a situation where the lawmakers manifested an affirmative intention that a beneficiary of such a law should be able to do something and not merely to one where he may have a valid defense or be entitled to have civil or criminal liability imposed on those interfering with him.

(5) When the removal statute speaks of "any law providing for equal rights," it refers to those laws that are couched in terms of equality, such as the historic and the recent equal rights statutes, as distinguished from laws, of which the due process clause and 42 U. S. C. §1983 are sufficient examples, that confer equal rights in the sense, vital to our way of life, of bestowing them upon all.

It should be made clear that the obstacles we perceive to applying §1443(2) to removal by civil rights demonstrators would not be at all present in cases where an appropriate showing was made for the invocation of §1443(1). An allegation that Negroes engaged in civil rights demonstrations were being punished in the state courts whereas white persons engaging in similar demonstrations for other causes were not, cf. *Cox* v. *Louisiana, supra,* or that Negro demonstrators were required to post high bail whereas whites were not, would constitute clear instances of denial to "any person" of the right, provided by 42 U. S. C. §1981, that all "shall be subject to like punishments, pains, penalties, taxes, licenses, and exactions of every kind, and to no other." There is no possible doubt that §1443(1) applies to the grantees of equal rights under the equal protection clause and egalitarian statutes,[17] and it imposes no requirement of showing "color of authority" or "inconsistency" although

17 This consideration answers the point made in fn. 10 to the dissent and the text accompanying it.

it does demand a substantial claim of denial or inability to enforce The difficulty is that what is now §1443(1) was largely deprived of effect by the decisions in *Virginia* v. *Rives*, 100 U. S. 313 (1879); *Neal* v. *Delaware*, 103 U. S. 370 (1881); and *Kentucky* v. *Powers*, 201 U. S. 1 (1906), which limited its application to denial by state laws as distinguished from state practice. The Congressional debate on Title IX of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 indicated a not unreasonable expectation that these restrictive decisions would be reexamined, see 110 Cong. Rec. 6739-40 (daily ed. April 6, 1964) (remarks of Senator Dodd), and the question is now before the Fourth Circuit in *Baines* v. *City of Danville*, No. 9090, and *McGhee* v. *City of Danville*, No. 9082. If that expectation should go unfulfilled, Congress may well do the reexamining or otherwise amend the centenarian civil rights removal statute—not, of course, by restricting the statute, as the dissent suggests, but by removing the restriction that had been judicially imposed on the first clause and by clarifying the scope of the second. But the relative inutility of §1443(1) in the interval affords no warrant for embracing within the second clause of §1443 cases of the type with which the first clause seems to be concerned, by means of a latitudinarian construction, unsupported by language and contrary to history, which, in order to meet conditions unhappily and, we hope, temporarily prevailing in a few states, would swamp the federal courts throughout the country with prosecutions removed as concerning acts allegedly protected by guarantees of the Fourteenth Amendment.

Although we fully recognize the merits of a case-by-case approach with respect to constitutional determinations, including any that may be relevant to these petitioners, we find this singularly unattractive as applied to the question where a suit should be tried—an issue which in the interests of both parties should be speedily determined

without the necessity of lengthy preliminary hearings, on the very issues that will arise on the trial itself, by a court to which removal is sought. Removal under §1443(2), unlike §1443(1), does not depend on conditions in a particular state or as to a particular trial; it ought be possible for a court to lay down some general principles for its construction. Our dissenting brother is quite right in saying that we have not succeeded in furnishing a definition of "color of authority" that will automatically determine every case, and we plead guilty to having postponed the issue whether §1443(2) may ever be invoked by persons other than officers or quasi-officers to a case where its decision is required. But at least we have taken the difficult road of deciding these cases as best we can, thereby giving indications that also ought be somewhat useful for the decision of others, rather than permitting these serious questions to rest in limbo while words which could not alter the result are added to the removal petitions, lengthy hearings are held in the district courts and the proceedings ultimately return here.

The orders of remand are affirmed.

KAUFMAN, *Circuit Judge* (concurring):

Judges do not live in ivory towers; they realize that their opinions are frequently misunderstood, misinterpreted and read otherwise than intended. Since this appeal raises extraordinarily delicate problems, which have been explored in Judge Friendly's able opinion, and so many of which may have an important impact in the civil rights area and on the administration of the federal courts, I deem it my responsibility to elucidate my reasons for concurring in today's decision.

Weighty problems in the sensitive area of federal-state relationships are involved in what the nation's press has

recently termed "the rage to remove." Time Magazine, Oct. 30, 1964, p. 88. On the one hand, the already overburdened lower federal courts should not be deluged with every state criminal case bearing any alleged connection to civil rights no matter how slight unless this is mandated. At the same time, we would be closing our eyes to the practical realities of the contemporary national scene if we did not recognize, along with Congress, that federal rights would have only paper meaning if state criminal prosecutions could never—whatever the circumstances—be removed to the federal courts.

Judges are not "forbidden to know as judges what [they] see as men." *Hu An Kow* v. *Nunan*, 5 Sawy. 552, 560, Fed. Cas. No. 6546 (1879). The necessity for a federal forum is not confined to specified regions of the country. Guarantees of equality may be ignored on both sides of the Mason-Dixon line, compare *Brown* v. *Board of Education*, 347 U. S. 483 (1954), with *Taylor* v. *Board of Education (New Rochelle, N. Y.)*, 191 F. Supp. 181 (S. D. N. Y.), *aff'd*, 294 F. 2d 36 (2d Cir.), *cert. denied*, 368 U. S. 940 (1961), and on either of our ocean coasts, compare *Yick Wo* v. *Hopkins*, 118 U. S. 356 (1886), with *Bolling* v. *Sharpe*, 347 U. S. 497 (1954). The conditions which justify removal, not their geographic setting, provide the predicate for our constitutional and statutory duties.

This makes it all the more important that we be unmistakably clear as to our present holding. But it does not require us to settle, once and for all time, every problem which might conceivably arise under an imprecise and inexpertly drafted section of a statute, almost 100 years old and never before applied in the manner the appellants urge. As appellate judges we have an obligation to lay down guidelines as clear as the circumstances permit for the federal district courts and to avoid an overly technical approach that will have meaning only for the cases before

us. At the same time, I am mindful of Senator Dodd's recent recognition in the debates leading to passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Act that it is extremely difficult to specify with precision the kinds of cases which ought to be removable under Section 1443. 110 Cong. Rec. 6739-40 (daily ed. April 6, 1964). My decision to concur is made in the light of these competing considerations.

I agree with Judge Friendly that it is unnecessary to decide and that we have not decided whether subdivision (2) covers only officers and those persons assisting them or acting in some way in behalf of government. In this connection, it seems imperative that we, as well as Congress, recognize that federal intervention has all too often proved essential to safeguard federal rights from state emasculation, and that some state courts unfortunately have not been immune to the epidemic of prejudice and intolerance. Against such a background, the statutory right of removal in certain instances appears but another effort to provide a measure of federal protection for the rights of the Negro. We have not decided today whether for the private citizen that right exists only in a §1443(1) situation, in which removal has been judicially confined to limited, and perhaps unduly restrictive, situations. See *Virginia* v. *Rives*, 100 U. S. 339 (1879); *Kentucky* v. *Powers*, 201 U. S. 1 (1906).

I also believe that subdivision (2) was intended to apply to state prosecutions for acts done under the color of authority of rights stated in terms of equality, but not to acts protected by the general constitutional guarantee of liberty. The statute, in short, is applicable where the persons seeking removal are being prosecuted for doing something which a specific federal law providing for equal rights gave them the impetus and authority to do. This would seem to mean, as Judge Friendly has articulated, that removal is available to persons arrested for acts connected

with the self-enforcement of the right to full and equal enjoyment of the facilities of hotels, restaurants, theatres, and other public places. And the right to remove in such cases is of vital significance for it gives meaning to Congress' enactments ensuring equal rights and its directions and authorizations, express or implied, that the beneficiaries should enjoy those rights free from restraint by the states; the federal courts, in those instances, will be available to make the rights viable.

Since the Bill of Rights and the Fourteenth Amendment were intended to safeguard the fundamental rights of individuals against governmental impairment, judges are sorely tempted, when the state's awesome powers must be weighed against the citizen's rights, to stretch the meaning of statutes in order to strike the balance in favor of the individual. But, Justice Cardozo reminded us in his typically poignant language, that a judge "is not a knight errant roaming at will in pursuit of his own idea of beauty or of goodness . . . He is not to yield to spasmodic sentiment, to vague and unregulated benevolence . . ." The Nature of the Judicial Process 144 (1921).

A caveat is in order here. I must emphasize that we are not saying the petitioners are forever barred from coming into the federal courts to protect their constitutional rights. Indeed, the contrary is true, for if convicted in the state courts, they may still seek review in the Supreme Court or invoke the time-honored writ of habeas corpus in a federal court to vindicate their federal rights. The Supreme Court's recent decision in *Hamm* v. *City of Rock Hill*, —— U. S. —— (1964), directly reviewing state court convictions, is striking proof of the cloak of federal protection afforded individuals in prosecutions by the states. The Court's holding that it is not a crime to attempt peacefully to secure equal treatment in a place of public accommodation indicates a willingness not only "to obliterate the effect of a

distressing chapter of our history," but also to give full meaning to the constitutional guarantee of equal treatment under the law for all citizens. See also *Cox* v. *Louisiana*, —— U. S. —— (1965).

Because the problem before us is so difficult, my brothers have discussed extensively whatever authorities they believe shed some light on its resolution. But, with this done, it is important to place in proper focus the sole question we face. By our decision today we are attempting to unravel the words of a statute, not constitutional rights, and to decide whether the petitioners in this case are entitled *in the first instance* to a federal trial of a state charge. I do not believe that they are for all available evidence which would help us resolve the meaning of this ambiguous statute points in the other direction.

If our reading of §1443(2) in this difficult and uncertain area is too narrow, Congress is still available for enlargement or clarification of the statute, which all on this panel agree lacks clarity. If removal should be more freely available, legislative consideration and action can best bring about a fair accommodation of the competing interests. The function of weighing and appraising the host of factors involved, were we to adopt the novel argument urged upon us for removal of these cases under an amphibolic subdivision of such an antique and venerable statute, is "more appropriately for those who write the laws, rather than for those who interpret them." *United States* v. *Gilman*, 347 U. S. 507, 513 (1954). As Mr. Justice Frankfurter once perceptively noted, "where policy is expressed by the primary lawmaking agency in a democracy, that is by the legislature, judges must respect such expressions by adding to or subtracting from the explicit terms which the lawmakers used no more than is called for by the shorthand nature of the language." Westin, The Supreme Court:

Views from Inside 83 (1961).[1] Indeed, the suggestion in the dissenting opinion that the loose conglomeration of inartistic petitions disables us from giving guidance for future litigation, together with a candid recognition that formulation of a clear, all-encompassng standard is virtually impossible, indicates that it is for Congress, not us, to adopt a broader reading.

With this exposition of my views, I concur in Judge Friendly's thorough opinion.

MARSHALL, *Circuit Judge* (dissenting):

The vague and conclusory allegations in the ten removal petitions, covering almost sixty persons, involving many separate offenses for a variety of acts, some done on different days and different places, the willingness of the state to waive all objections to "formal" defects in the removal petitions in order to establish a "precedent", and the presentation of all these removal petitions on appeal as one conglomerate have profoundly obscured the issue for our determination. Judge Friendly, with his usual scholarly excellence, has met the apparent insurmountable task of dealing with these appeals on this basis and he has attempted to delineate the general scope of §1443(2). However, I am convinced that the problem presented by these cases can only be de-

1 Practical considerations should never impede judicial recognition of an individual's right to redress in the federal courts. But if the right of removal under §1443(2) is to be broadened, Congress can consider the insurmountable burdens that would, for example, be cast upon the nine judges of the Federal District Court for the Northern District of California if the 814 Berkeley students recently arrested for free-speech demonstrations on the college campus were entitled to remove their prosecutions to the federal court on the ground that they were protesting alleged violations of the equal protection clause. As recently as 1961, Congress recognized the plight of the overburdened federal courts by creating 73 new judgeships. 73 Stat. 80 (1961). Further Congressional action along such lines would seem to be a necessary corollary to enlargement of the removal jurisdiction.

cided case by case and on the basis of informative petitions, see 28 U. S. C. §1446(a) (requiring "a short and plain statement of the facts"). Moreover, I find myself in disagreement with the basic conclusion of the majority opinion and therefore dissent.

The importance of approaching these appeals on a case-by-case basis cannot be overestimated. A great array of charges, including assault third, disorderly conduct, maintaining a nuisance, resisting an officer, obstructing railway cars, unlawful intrusion, unlawful assembly, loitering at a school building and inducing truancy, are involved in this assortment of removal petitions, and yet the conglomerate presentation and disposition of these appeals tend to ignore the possibility that a difference in the specific conduct charged might make a difference under §1443(2). For example, if the petitioners arrested and prosecuted for violating the truancy law had merely sought to induce parents not to send their children to a segregated school, which denies the "equality of law" guaranteed by the Constitution, this, in my opinion, could be a case covered by §1443(2), while, on the other hand, a charge of third degree assault might very well not be covered.

Moreover even on the majority's view that the conduct involved in all these petitions can be reduced to protests against racial discrimination and segregation, some of the petitioners might well be entitled to removal under the majority's own interpretation of §1443(2). I understand my brothers to suggest that under §1443(2) removal might be available to individuals arrested and prosecuted for taking self-help measures to secure equal treatment guaranteed by federal laws providing for equal rights, and further that a peaceful protest might be considered such a self-help measure.[1] The majority insists that this issue

1 See *infra* pp. 1006-1010.

is not present in these appeals and that no words could be added to the removal petitions that would change their affirmance of all the remands. However, I am not so confident. Some of the petitioners, at least those charged with loitering at a school building and inducing truancy, might well have been doing nothing more than peacefully picketing a public school under the belief that it was a segregated public school maintained in violation of the Equal Protection Clause. Any doubts as to whether this is the alleged factual pattern should, in all fairness, be resolved by affording petitioners an opportunity to amend. For the removal petitions were drafted primarily with the first clause of §1443 in mind and this is a case of first impression, involving a previously unexplored part of §1443 and raising wholly unique and delicate issues. I refuse to rely on the fact that the protests were widely publicized and much less on the failure of appellants to fill in the supposed missing facts during oral argument or in their not-so-thorough briefs; this lapse could be readily explained by the fact that the majority's interpretation of §1443(2) could hardly have been anticipated.

My brothers' desire to help the district courts in this circuit, the Supreme Court and even Congress by exposing the problems and stating what is "their proper solution under existing law" is indeed commendable. However, we have long learned that this desire can only be satisfied at least for federal judges, through the decision of a particular case on the basis on a readily discernible set of facts. And, although I may be unduly skeptical, I have some serious doubts as to whether my brothers' decision will provide any of their hoped-for "guidance." Distinction is built upon distinction, and the clarifying foundation of a single factual pattern is lacking; and the obvious and frequent need to spell out what is *not* being decided today amply reveals the danger of abstract opinions.

I do not intend to pass judgment on these cases, either individually or collectively. Yet certain propositions in the majority opinion urgently require comment, even at the risk of joining the rather abstract discussion.

My disagreement with the majority's interpretation of §1443(2) stems from its refusal to recognize any meaningful color of authority emanating from the Fourteenth Amendment.

The "color of authority" concept of §1443(2) is not correctly described or defined. The majority suggests that in order for a law to provide "color of authority" to perform an act, it must do more than protect conduct by giving remedies to the offended party—it must be "an encouragement" or must "direct" the individual to act.

This seems to be a rather obvious departure from common usage and understanding. An individual acts under the "color of authority" of a law at least when his conduct is protected by that law, when interferences with that activity are unlawful and the subject of civil or criminal legal remedies. To say that "something more" than this protection is required is illusory, granted that we are talking about individuals acting in a non-official capacity. The most familiar legal technique for "encouraging" certain private activity is to make interferences with that activity unlawful. And one does not have to fully embrace Mr. Justice Holmes' positivism, see *The Path of the Law*, to realize that usually or invariably unlawful conduct is the subject of civil or criminal sanctions, or to look at it from the view of the "offended party" rather than the "badman," that unlawful conduct is the subject of civil or criminal remedies. The law not only protects conduct by making interferences with it unlawful, but also by providing legal remedies against such interferences.

The majority, while apparently conceding that this is the usual understanding of the words "color of authority,"

insists that the "particular context" in which these words are used requires a much more restrictive interpretation. One alleged aspect of this context is that §1443(2) "indubitably applies" to officers and quasi-officers. But I fail to appreciate the significance of this fact. Either the assumption underlying our analysis of the "color of authority" concept, to borrow a thought from the majority, "is or is not" that the section is also applicable to non-officers. The manner in which a private person acts under the authority of a law need not be the same as that of an officer. Furthermore, there is no reason for supposing that an officer acts under the "color of authority of any law providing for equal rights" only in the rather limited situation when there is a statute or order specifically directing him to do some particular act. Cf. *Cunningham* v. *Neagle*, 135 U. S. 1, 58-59 (1890). The second alleged aspect of the "particular context" is that the first clause of §1443 uses the phrase "a right under" rather than "under color of authority." The majority concludes that "It necessarily follows that 'under color of authority derived from' in §1443(2) has a narrower meaning than 'a right under' in §1443(1)." It seems to me, however, not that one phrase is necessarily "narrower" than the other, but that the special province of §1443(1) is the denial of equal rights in the course of proceedings in state courts, while §1443(2) focuses on the denial of equal rights in different situations. This shift focus adequately explains the change from "a right under" to "under color of authority."

One aspect of the "particular context" seems to escape the majority, namely, that the "color of authority" referred to in §1443(2) is to be derived from "any law providing for equal rights." The words "color of authority" should not be read in isolation, but rather as an integral part of the phrase "color of authority derived from any law providing for equal rights." The majority readily admits

that the Equal Protection Clause and all the civil rights statutes are laws providing for equal rights. Yet at the same time the words "color of authority" are so construed as to virtually preclude any of these laws from ever giving what is deemed to be the requisite kind of authority. In construing what the phrase "color of authority derived from any law providing for equal rights" means it would be fair to presume that the kind of authority required would be of the type generally provided by the laws providing for equal rights. For the most part, these laws do not explicitly and specifically "encourage" and "direct" people to do things in the stringent sense suggested by the majority. Instead they protect certain activity by declaring interferences with that activity unlawful and by providing civil and criminal remedies.[2] To interpret the "color of authority" concept more stringently would virtually make §1443(2) unavailable, even to officers, in the bulk of civil rights cases, the acknowledged province of that section.

On occasion the majority makes a generous reference to the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the other civil rights

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2 Appellants could conceivably argue that if the state permits or would permit protests or expressions of dissatisfaction by other groups and for other causes, then they were acting under the color of authority of the Equal Protection Clause or §1981, certainly laws providing for equal rights, in that they command the State not to interfere with them and thereby protects that activity, see *Niemotko* v. *Maryland*, 340 U. S. 268, 272 (1951); cf. *Steele* v. *Superior Court of California*, 164 F. 2d 781, 782 (9 Cir. 1947), *cert. denied*, 333 U. S. 861 (1948), and *Hill* v. *Pennsylvania*, 183 F. Supp. 126 (W. D. Pa. 1960), both suggesting that there would be removal (though not specifying whether it would be under clause 1 or 2 of §1443) if the arrest or prosecution was alleged to violate the Equal Protection Clause. The majority insists that appellants do not urge that the interferences, arrests and prosecutions of appellants had the purpose and effect of discriminatorily or unequally denying them of their rights to speak, assemble and protest grievances. But, given the confusing presentation of all these removal petitions and the fact that only during oral argument did we learn that petitioners have decided to rely exclusively on the second clause of §1443, I fail to see how the majority could be so confident.

statutes, and intimates that they might provide the "color of authority" for protests seeking to secure the equal rights guaranteed by these laws. I doubt whether this comports with the majority's stated definition of the "color of authority" concept, and, if it does, I must once again express my doubt as to whether the majority is being consistent in affirming the remand of all these cases. For example, appellants arrested for loitering at a school building and inducing truancy might well have been doing nothing more than peacefully picketing a segregated public school maintained in violation of the Equal Protection Clause.[3] This clause is no less a law providing for equal rights than the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the other civil rights statutes and it confers the same type and quantum of authority. The affinity between the Fourteenth Amendment and the civil rights statutes is far more than obvious. As Chief Justice Vinson wrote in *Hurd* v. *Hodge*, 334 U. S. 24, 32 (1948):

> It is clear that in many significant respects the statute [the Civil Rights Act of 1866] and the [Fourteenth]

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3 Some of the petitioners apparently allege that they were protesting against the denial of rights guaranteed by civil rights statutes. 42 U. S. C. §1981 guarantees, among other things, the right to be free from discriminatory and unequal treatment by police, and some of the petitioners claim that they were protesting against the denial of this right (one aspect of "police brutality"). Some petitioners also seem to allege that they were protesting against "the denial of the equal protection of the laws to Negroes in the city, state and nation with reference to housing" and although such an allegation is vague, conclusory, and totally inadequate, conceivably these petitioners might claim, if they were even given an opportunity to do so, that they were protesting against racial discrimination in federally assisted housing that violated the President's order, Executive Order No. 11063, Nov. 21, 1962, 27 F. R. 11527, "Equal Opportunity in Housing"; and there seems to be some authority for the proposition that an executive order is within the ambit of the word "law" in the §1443(2) phrase "any law providing for equal rights," see *Hodgson* v. *Millward*, 12 Fed. Cas. 285, No. 6,568 (E. D. Pa. 1863) (see 3 Grant (Pa. 1863) 412, for the facts), approved in *Braun* v. *Sauerwein*, 10 Wall. 218, 224 (1869).

Cf. also *Hamm* v. *City of Rock Hill*, —— U. S. —— (1964).

> Amendment were expressions of the same general congressional policy. Indeed, as the legislative debates reveal, one of the primary purposes of many members of Congress in supporting the adoption of the Fourteenth Amendment was to incorporate the guaranties of the Civil Rights Act of 1866 in the organic laws of the land.

See generally Frank & Munro, *The Original Understanding of "Equal Protection of the Law,"* 50 Colum. L. Rev. 131 (1950).

That the Equal Protection Clause provides for "equal rights" cannot be doubted and there is no reason why the word "law" in §1443(2) should be confined to Congressional enactments, nor why only Congressional enactments could confer the type of "authority" required by §1443(2). Such an artificial and unduly restrictive position has been rejected in other contexts, see, e.g., *Cunningham* v. *Neagle*, 135 U. S. 1 (1890), and it ignores the fact that there would be little reason for putting in a Congressional statute what was already provided for by a constitutional amendment. Obviously the reason Congress did not explicitly include within, for instance, the Civil Rights Act of 1964 a flat prohibition condemning segregated education is that it operated on the rather reasonable presumption (see Title IV, now 42 U. S. C. §§2000c-2000c-9) that this denial of equal rights was already proscribed by the Equal Protection Clause, *Brown* v. *Board of Education*, 347 U. S. 483 (1954), *Cooper* v. *Aaron*, 358 U. S. 1 (1958). Although the Fourteenth Amendment "makes no attempt to enumerate the rights it was designed to protect" but "speaks in general terms," these terms "are as comprehensive as possible" and create a "positive immunity" against state-imposed racial discrimination, *Strauder* v. *West Virginia*, 100 U. S. 303, 307, 308 (1880). If, according to the majority, removal

under §1443(2) might possibly be available to individuals peacefully protesting against segregated public accommodations, it is difficult to see why removal would not be equally available under §1443(2) to individuals peacefully protesting against segregated public education.

Some appellants seem to rely on a theory of self-help, and it seems important to state their argument in all its fullness, putting to one side any interest in determining whether it is tacitly acknowledged in the majority opinion. As the Supreme Court recently stressed in *Hamm* v. *City of Rock Hill*, —— U. S. —— (1964), measures undertaken by private individuals to secure rights guaranteed by a law providing for equal rights may well come within the protection of that law and these individuals may well be acting under the authority of that law. Moreover, appellants could reasonably argue that if, for example, it would be a form of self-help for a Negro to attempt to register in a state university that the state has sought to maintain exclusively for the whites, then the same Negro would be employing a form of self-help to eliminate the denial of his equal rights if he picketed the university after the officials refused to register him because of his race. The difficult problem is to determine which types of self-help measures come within the ambit of protection and authority of the law granting the equal rights, or more specifically, whether appellants' alleged peaceful[4] protest and demonstration against the denial of these rights falls within that ambit.

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4 Presumably the question whether the protests were peaceful is to be determined in the federal district court. See *Hodgson* v. *Millward*, 12 Fed. Cas. 286, No. 6,568 (Cir. Ct. E. D. Pa. 1863); cf. *Tennessee* v. *Davis*, 100 U. S. 257, 261-262 (1879) (federal officer case). See generally *Townsend* v. *Sain*, 372 U. S. 293 (1963) (habeas corpus), stressing the importance of a full and fair evidentiary hearing in a federal forum when federal constitutional rights are at stake.

At one point the majority suggests that the "law" invoked by petitioners as the "law providing for equal rights" must provide the (color

Two factors must be considered in grappling with this problem. First, peaceful protest, speech and petition, is a form of self-help not unknown during the era of Reconstruction when §1443(2) was forged, see, *e.g.*, Aptheker, *A Documentary History of the Negro People in the United States*, 536-37 (1951); McPherson, *The Negro's Civil War*, 245-70 (1965). Secondly, this form of self-help—peaceful protest and demonstration—is tremendously important in our federal constitutional scheme. It is constitutionally protected, see *Thornhill* v. *Alabama*, 310 U. S. 88 (1940). As Mr. Justice Harlan asserted in his concurrence in *Garner* v. *Louisiana*, 368 U. S. 157, 201-02 (1961), in regard to a similar form of self-help, the peaceful sit-in,

> It, like speech, appeals to good sense and to "the power of reason as applied through public discussion," *Whitney* v. *California*, 274 U. S. 357 (Brandeis, *J.*, concurring), just as much as, if not more than, a public oration delivered from a soapbox at a street corner . . . If the act of displaying a red flag as a symbol of opposition to organized government is a liberty encompassed within free speech as protected by the Fourteenth Amendment, *Stromberg* v. *California*, 283 U. S. 359, the act of sitting at a privately owned lunch counter with the consent of the owner, as a demonstration of opposition to enforced segregation, is surely within the same range of protections.

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of) "'authority' to disregard [state] laws providing for the equal punishment of disturbers of the peace." But this is either to misread §1443(2) or to misunderstand the position of some of the petitioners. Some seem to insist that they were doing nothing more than peacefully picketing, not in the least unlawful in New York; and they claim that they *acted* under the color of authority of federal laws providing for equal rights, all that is required by §1443(2), not that they *violated state laws* under the color of authority of federal laws providing for equal rights."

See *Edwards* v. *South Carolina*, 372 U. S. 229 (1963); *Field* v. *South Carolina*, 375 U. S. 44 (1963); *Henry* v. *Rock Hill*, 376 U. S. 776 (1964).

This seems to be the relevance of the Due Process Clause to appellants' arguments. It is not that the Due Process Clause, in isolation and of its own force, is a "law providing for equal rights," under whose authority appellants allegedly acted, but rather that appellants sought to effectuate the mandates of the Equal Protection Clause, or the Fourteenth Amendment as a whole, and did so in a way that is allegedly protected by the Due Process Clause, or the Fourteenth Amendment. We should approach the problems inherent in some of these petitions, not by severing and separately compartmentalizing the Due Process and Equal Protection Clauses, but realizing that they are both part of the same constitutional amendment, undoubtedly the most basic of all laws providing for equal rights, and that these clauses often intersect. *Bolling* v. *Sharpe*, 347 U. S. 497, 499 (1954). Some appellants, perhaps those arrested for loitering at a school building and inducing truancy, might be able to allege such an occasion has arisen and argue that this was the "law" under whose authority they acted. Yet given the conglomerate approach of the majority, the vague, conclusory and uninformative character of the pleadings and the failure of the district courts to get beyond the pleadings, it seems impossible and inappropriate for us to assess this argument now.

I will say, however, that there seems to be little basis for the majority's fear that if any of the appellants who were peacefully protesting are entitled to removal under §1443(2), then "whenever a state suit or prosecution concerned what allegedly was an unconstitutional deprivation of the universal right to 'liberty'" removal would be possible. A limiting principle could perhaps be found in the fact that the liberty involved in some of these removal

petitions is the liberty to express dissatisfaction with the state's alleged denial of equal rights. The purpose and form of the exercise of liberty is not without significance, for, as seen in this light, the exercise of this liberty is merely another form of self-help to secure the rights guaranteed by the Equal Protection Clause or other federal laws providing for equal rights.

The majority's effort to resolve some of the basic questions raised in these appeals by reconstructing the intention of the Congress of 1875[5] is also troubling. The thrust of the argument is to show that the Due Process Clause is not a "law providing for equal rights" within the meaning of §1443(2). Although I do not think that appellants' argument need stand or fall on that proposition, I gather that the majority is prepared to turn the edge of its argument to meet any interpretation of §1443(2) that would entitle any of the petitioners to removal under any set of facts they could reasonably allege. I therefore must insist that "this is a case for applying the canon of construction of the wag who said, when the legislative history is doubtful, go to the statute," *Greenwood v. United States*, 350 U. S. 366, 374 (1956). Legislative history may often shed light on the meaning of a statute, yet we have learned before that little authoritative information can be obtained from the legislative history of the civil rights legislation of the last century, see *Brown* v. *Board of Education*, 347 U. S. 483, 489 (1954).

In attempting to reconstruct "the intention" of the 1875 Congress, the majority relies not on debates or reports or statements by the revisers or legislators, few of which were specifically addressed to what is now clause 2 of §1443, but rather on the proposition that no such far-reaching result as would follow from allowing removal to

5 See footnote 7 in the majority opinion.

some of these petitioners could have been intended. For the most part the proposition rests on the argument that the codifiers of 1875 were responsible for the phrase "under color of authority derived from any law providing for equal rights" and that "so great a substantive change" as would flow from allowing removal under §1443(2) could not have been intended to be accomplished by "what was represented to be a mere codification." However, two points can be made; first, it is not at all clear that in the eyes of the 1875 legislators and revisers none of petitioners would have been entitled to removal under the law existing prior to the codification, and secondly, in order to understand how far reaching and radical the change would be, one must place the civil rights removal provisions in its historical context, if any assessment of the intention of the 1875 Congress is to be made.

In support of the first point, appellants could make a strong argument that the 1875 revisers used the phrase "any law providing for equal rights" as a shorthand technique for referring to all the three previous civil rights acts, the Civil Rights Act of 1866,[6] the Civil Rights Act of 1870 (sections 16 and 17 are now §1981 and §1982), and

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6 The majority emphasizes that none of the acts of which §3 of the Civil Rights Act of 1866 was originally linked (§1 of the 1866 and the Freedmen's Bureau Act) spoke of protecting "freedom of speech or petition against state infringement." However, section 1 of the Civil Rights Act of 1866 provided in part "all persons born in the United States . . . of every race and color, without regard to any previous condition of slavery or involuntary servitude . . . shall have the same rights . . . to full and equal benefit of all laws and proceedings for the security of person and property . . ." Given the fact that the 1866 Act preceded the enactment of the Fourteenth Amendment, although it followed the enactment of the Thirteenth Amendment, this catch-all and vague phrase "full and equal benefit of all laws" might have been intended to afford some measure of protection to the freedom of speech and petition guaranteed by the First Amendment and similar state constitutional provisions for those attempting to secure the full measure of equality for the freedmen. Cf. *Hurd* v. *Hodge*, 334 U. S. 24, 32 (1948).

the Civil Rights Act of 1871 (§1 of which is now §1983), not to mention the Fourteenth Amendment. Or, to put it another way, the majority concedes, that the phrase "any law providing for equal rights" referred to the first and second Civil Rights Acts of 1866 and 1870, and the burden is then cast upon it, to show that the revisers or Congress did not intend to include, or rather intended to exclude, the third act in this series of civil rights legislation from this supposedly "readily explicable" reference to "any law providing for equal rights."[7] This burden would seem to be intensified by the text of §1983 when it was originally enacted in 1871 as part of the third Civil Rights Act:

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7 The majority's discussion of the legislative history is prefaced by the statement "all that is 'authorized' by the statutes [1983 and 1985] . . . is the award of damages or of criminal punishment." The question is not, however, whether the "law providing for equal rights" authorized the protests in the way that a principal may have "authorized" an agent, but rather whether the individual acts under the authority of that law. As suggested earlier, *supra* p. 1005, an individual would be acting under the authority of the law if he was protected in that activity by that law; and although §1983 does not provide the grant of substantive rights, it presumes or tacitly incorporates the grant in the Fourteenth Amendment (§1983 was originally enacted as section 1 of the 1871 Act "to enforce the Provisions of the Fourteenth Amendment . . ." 17 Stat. 13) and one of the fundamental means of protecting any conduct is, as §1983 does, to provide a legal remedy for interferences with that activity. If petitioners would have a remedy under §1983, against those interfering with their conduct, they could well argue that they were acting under the "color of authority" of §1983.

The mere fact that §1983 is "coextensive with the whole reach of the Constitution" does not preclude the possibility that it is a "law providing for equal rights," and much less that it could not have been viewed as such by the 1875 legislators and revisers. The deprivation of constitutional rights stemming from racial discrimination are certainly proscribed, and remedies provided, by that law, and this seems to have been the primary concern of the legislators, see generally *Monroe* v. *Pape*, 365 U. S. 167 (1961). The more difficult question to resolve is whether §1933 could also be viewed as "a law providing for equal rights" when the deprivation of constitutional rights does not stem from racial discrimination. This would create the further problem of deciding whether a law could be classified as a "law providing for equal rights" for all purposes, if in one primary sense it does provide for equal rights.

> *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That any person who, under color of any law, statute, ordinance, regulation, custom or usage of any State, shall subject, or cause to be subjected, any person within the jurisdiction of the United States to the deprivation of any rights, privileges, or immunities secured by the Constitution of the United States, shall, any such law, statute, ordinance, regulation, custom or usage of the State to the contrary notwithstanding, be liable to the party injured in any action at law, suit in equity, or other proper proceeding for redress; such proceeding to be prosecuted in the several district or circuit courts of the United States, with and subject to the same rights of appeal, review upon error, and other remedies provided in like cases in such courts, under the provisions of the act of the ninth of April, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, entitled "An act to protect all persons in the United States in their civil rights, and to furnish the means of their vindication"; and the other remedial laws of the United States which are in their nature applicable in such cases.

Appellants could argue that the language "other remedies provided in like cases in . . . [the federal] courts, under the [1866] act" as well as "and the other remedial laws of the United States which are in their nature applicable in such cases" was a sufficient basis for the 1875 revisers and legislators to have believed or assumed (but see footnote 12 in the majority opinion arguing only that this assumption or belief might have been mistaken) that all of §3, including the removal provisions, of the 1866 Act, was already available to those claimed that they were being prosecuted for exercising the rights protected under §1983; and that by using the phrase "any law providing for equal

rights" they would also be referring to this law. This argument could be further strengthened by the fact that the second Civil Rights Act of 1870, which the majority recognizes as a "law providing for equal rights" within the meaning of §1443(2), incorporated the removal provisions by a similar summary reference to the Act of 1866;[8] the revisers and legislators might have assumed that if such a reference could make the removal provisions of the 1866 Act available in connection with the rights protected by the 1870 Act, the same would be true for the 1871 Act. I do not pass judgment on this argument, but I have spelled it out only to reveal one of my many reasons for believing that any attempt to reconstruct the intention of the 1875 legislators, even if it is agreed that their primary purpose was codification, is likely only to uncertainty and indecisiveness.[9]

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8 "Section 18. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the act to protect all persons in the United States in their civil rights, and furnish the means of their vindication, passed April nine, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, is hereby re-enacted; and sections sixteen and seventeen hereof shall be enforced according to the provisions of said act."

It should be noted that the Civil Rights Act of 1870 was considered the first enforcement act (entitled "An Act to enforce the Right of Citizens of the United States to vote in the Several States of the Union and for other Purposes") and the Civil Rights Act of 1871 considered the second enforcement act; this would support the tendency to view them together, as the members of the same class "any law providing for equal rights."

9 Presumably the majority would have us believe that the use of the disjunctive "or" in what is now 28 U. S. C. 1343, implies that the 1875 Congress perceived a sharp distinction between on the one hand, "rights secured by the Constitution," and, on the other hand, "rights secured by any law providing for equal rights," and that a Congress that set up two different categories would not view the Constitution, or any part of it, as being a "law providing for equal rights." This does not, however, meet the argument that §1983 is a "law providing for equal rights." Moreover, the use of the disjunctive does not necessarily imply two mutually exclusive categories for example, the Equal Protection Clause, concededly a law providing for equal rights, might well fall into both categories. Instead, the use of the disjunctive suggests to me that some legislators believed that some of the civil rights acts have guaranteed

Secondly, in determining how "great a substantive change" would be wrought, some insight into the 1875 legislators' view of proper federal-state relations is necessary, if any reliance is to be placed on legislative history. The legislators of the Reconstruction Era saw the federal courts as a necessary and perhaps the most appropriate

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more rights than the Constitution, or that in the future other statutes, such as the fourth Civil Rights Act, Act of March 1, 1875, §3, 18 Stat. 335, 336 would do so, or that some legislators believed that not every part of the Constitution guaranteeing rights, privileges and immunities is also "a law providing for equal rights." Appellants could make this latter point with little damage to a position that maintains that the Equal Protection Clause or the Fourteenth Amendment as a whole is a law providing for equal rights. For certain of the "basic guarantees," such as the prohibition against states passing "any Bill of Attainder, ex post facto Law, or Law impairing the Obligation of Contracts" (Article I, section 10, clause 1), have little relation to the Equal Protection Clause, or the Fourteenth Amendment, although the Civil War Amendments contributed to the demise of the *Dred Scott* decision by making it abundantly clear that the freedmen were "citizens" of the United States and entitled to all the rights, privileges and immunities of such citizens.

This last point could perhaps serve as a source of distinguishing, if one deems it necessary to do so, the passing remarks of Justice Harlan in *Gibson* v. *Mississippi*, 162 U. S. 565 (1896), a case involving a claimed violation of the prohibition against *ex post facto* laws. There is a more direct relationship to the Fourteenth Amendment if some petitioners claimed that they were exercising a "liberty" protected by that Amendment to pressure the state to cease denying its Negro citizens "the equal protection of the laws" guaranteed by that Amendment.

On the issue of case authority invoked by the majority, I might add that it is difficult to see how *Douglas* v. *City of Jeannette*, 319 U. S. 157 (1943) provides "inferentially" or otherwise, "strong" authority for the remand of all these petitions, even ignoring the fact that that case involved "freedom of speech and of religion" and that case need not be removable under §1443(2) on what I understand to be "the view of the appellants here." The possibility of remand was not considered in the briefs or opinions, and I venture to say that Justices are not so omniscient that it would be fair for the majority to presume that they considered the possibility of removal under §1443(2) when they held that a federal court could not enjoin a state prosecution; just as there is a difference between enjoining police officers under 42 U. S. C. §1983 and removal under 28 U. S. C. §1443, there is a difference between removing a prosecution to another forum and enjoining that prosecution.

forum for the protection of federal rights. This conception was expressed in, for example, the Act of April 9, 1866, 14 Stat. 27, §3 of which was the first step toward the present §1443; the Act of February 5, 1867, 14 Stat. 385, the federal habeas corpus statute (now 28 U. S. C. §2241 (c)(3)) providing a federal forum to try a state prisoner's claim that he is being deprived of liberty in violation of the Constitution, see *Fay* v. *Noia,* 372 U. S. 391 (1963); the Act of April 20, 1871, 17 Stat. 13, the antecedent to §§1983 and 1985 giving the federal courts original jurisdiction to remedy, either in a civil or criminal action, claimed violations of federal constitutional rights, see *Monroe* v. *Pape,* 365 U. S. 167 (1961); and the Judiciary Act of March 3, 1875, §1, 18 Stat. 470, giving the federal courts original (28 U. S. C. §1331) and removal (28 U. S. C. §1441) jurisdiction of civil actions where "the decision depends upon the determination of" a federal question, *Smith* v. *Kansas City Title & Trust Co.,* 255 U. S. 180, 201 (1921). Conceivably legislators today might well wish to exclude the Fourteenth Amendment from the ambit of the §1443(2) category of "any law providing for equal rights," but that has little bearing on what the legislators of 1875 "intended" and it is hardly a jurisdiction for us to interpret the past product of Congress to achieve that result. Given the fact that after the Reconstruction Era non-majority power blocs have long been able to prevent Congress from acting, and even deliberating, to secure and protect civil rights, it would not be unfair for us now to await for Congress itself to decide through the constitutionally proscribed procedures whether it wishes to restrict one of the significant statutory gains of the Reconstruction Era. I would presume, however, that the Congress that enacted Title IX of the Civil Rights Act in order to make meaningful the right to remove in civil

rights cases would not be so inclined, to say the least.[10] This Congress did not expect us to limit subdivision 2 of §1443 as *Virginia* v. *Rives*, 100 U. S. 313 (1880), *Neal* v. *Delaware*, 103 U. S. 370 (1880) and *Kentucky* v. *Powers*, 201 U. S. 1 (1906) had limited subdivision 1.

I would vacate the orders of remand, return the cases to the district courts, afford appellants an opportunity to remand their removal petitions, and have the district courts conduct full hearings on adequate pleadings to determine whether any of petitioners were being prosecuted for acts done under color of authority derived from any law providing for equal rights.

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10 See, *e.g.*, the statement of one opponent of the Civil Rights Act of 1964: "The catalogue of lawsuits which title IX would affect incorporates, among others, all suits in which the defendant might invoke the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment. The list is too long to itemize." 1964 U. S. Code, Cong. & Admin. News 1850.

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APPENDIX B

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

SECOND CIRCUIT

At a Stated Term of the United States Court of Appeals, in and for the Second Circuit, held at the United States Court House, in the City of New York, on the twenty-fifth day of August, one thousand nine hundred and sixty-four.

Present:

HON. THURGOOD MARSHALL,
Circuit Judge.

MILTON A. GALAMISON, *et al.*,
Petitioners-Appellants,

v.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
Respondent-Appellee.

A motion having been made herein by counsel for the petitioners-appellants for a stay pending appeal,

Upon consideration thereof, it is

Ordered that said motion be and it hereby is granted pending hearing and determination of the appeals on condition that the appellants file their briefs and appendices on or before September 4, 1964 and that the appellees file their brief and appendix on or before September 17, 1964.

Further ordered that the argument of the appeals be and they hereby are set for the week of September 21, 1964.

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Further ordered that all parties may file four typewritten or mimeographed copies of their briefs and appendices in lieu of printed copies.

Further ordered that if appellants fail to file briefs and appendices on or before September 4, 1964 and to otherwise comply with the rules of this court, the court will entertain a motion by the appellees to vacate the stay.

A. DANIEL FUSARO,
Clerk.

By VINCENT A. CARLIN,
Chief Deputy Clerk.

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Clerk.

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Appendix B

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

SECOND CIRCUIT

At a Stated Term of the United States Court of Appeals, in and for the Second Circuit, held at the United States Court House, in the City of New York, on the first day of September, one thousand nine hundred and sixty-four.

Present:

HON. STERRY R. WATERMAN,
Circuit Judge.

WILLIAM DEUTSCH,
Petitioner-Appellant,

v.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
Respondent-Appellee.

NORMAN BERKOWITZ,
Petitioner-Appellant,

v.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
Respondent-Appellee.

FRANCES CRAYTON, *et al.*,
Petitioners-Appellants,

v.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
Respondent-Appellee.

A motion having been made herein by counsel for the petitioners-appellants for a stay pending appeal,

Upon consideration thereof, it is

Ordered that said motion be and it hereby is granted pending a hearing and determination of the appeals on condition that the appellants file their briefs and appendices on or before September 11, 1964 and that the appellee file its brief and appendix on or before September 24, 1964.

Further ordered that the argument of the appeals be and they hereby are set for the week of September 28, 1964.

Further ordered that all parties may file four typewritten or mimeographed copies of their briefs and appendices in lieu of printed copies.

Further ordered that if appellants fail to file briefs and appendices on or before September 11, 1964 and to otherwise comply with the rules of this court, the court will entertain a motion by the appellee to vacate the stay.

A. DANIEL FUSARO,
Clerk.

By VINCENT A. CARLIN,
Chief Deputy Clerk.

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APPENDIX C

IN THE

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

No. 21354

THOMAS RACHEL, *et al.*,

Appellants,

versus

STATE OF GEORGIA,

Appellee.

Appeal from the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia.

(March 5, 1965.)

Before TUTTLE, *Chief Judge*, BELL, *Circuit Judge*, and WHITEHURST, *District Judge*.

TUTTLE, *Chief Judge*: This is an appeal by the named appellant and 19 other persons charged with the violation of Georgia's so-called anti-trespass statute, Title 26 Georgia Code Annotated, Section 3005, from an order entered by the district court without a hearing remanding the cases for trial to the state court after they had been reviewed by a petition for removal filed pursuant to Title 28 U.S.C.A. §1443 (1) and (2) (the Civil Rights Removal Sections). Having held, in the case of *Congress of Racial Equality, et al., v. Town of Clinton, Parish of East Feici-*

ana, 5 Cir., 1964, — F. 2d —, that the enactment of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 resolved the question of appealability of remand orders as to cases removed to the Federal District Courts under Section 1443, *supra*,[1] we turn directly to the merits of the appeal.[2]

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[1] Prior to the enactment of Section 901 of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title 28 U.S.C.A. § 1447(b) on its face seemed to prohibit an appeal from an order of remand. It provided; "an order remanding a case to the state court from which it was removed is not reviewable on appeal or otherwise." Notwithstanding the provisions of that statute, however, a substantial question had been raised in the *CORE* case, supra, and in this case when this Court originally granted a stay of the remand order pending appeal whether the express provisions of 1447(b) applied to Civil Rights cases. We discussed this issue in the *CORE* case. This discussion need not be repeated by reason of the fact we have now determined that whether or not remand orders in such cases were appealable before the passage of the Civil Rights Act, the adoption of that Act by Congress forecloses the issue in favor of appealability.

[2] The appellee's contention that this appeal is untimely has no merit. The notice of appeal was filed sixteen calendar days after the order appealed from, and it could only be considered untimely if the ten-day time limit of Fed. R. Crim. P. 37(a)(2) were applicable. It is absolutely clear, however, that Rule 37 has no application here.

The Supreme Court promulgated Rules 32 through 39, without submitting them to Congress, under the authority of the Criminal Appeals Rules Act. Act of Feb. 24, 1933, c. 119, 49 Stat. 904, as amended, 18 U.S.C. § 3772. The only power given under that Act was to prescribe rules of procedure "with respect to any or all proceedings *after verdict, or finding of guilt by the court if a jury has been waived, or plea of guilty* . . ." (Emphasis added.) When it adopted the predecessor to Rule 37(a)(2), see 292 U.S. 661, 662, and when it promulgated that Rule in its present form, see 327 U.S. 825, the Supreme Court made it explicit that the Rule was meant to apply only to criminal appeals "after verdict, or finding of guilt . . . or plea of guilty."

The question whether the predecessor to Rule 37(a)(2) applied to a criminal appeal prior to verdict—in that case an appeal from an

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Appendix C

The question to be resolved on the merits of the appeal is whether the petition for removal in this case adequately stated a basis for removal under the indicated section of the removal statutes. Title 28 U.S.C.A. §1443, provides as follows:

> "§1443. Civil rights cases
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> Any of the following civil actions or criminal prosecutions, commenced in a State court may be removed by the defendant to the district court of the United States for the district and division embracing the place where it is pending:
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> (1) Against any person who is denied or cannot enforce in the courts of such State a right under any law providing for the equal civil rights of citizens of the United States, or of all persons within the jurisdiction thereof;

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adjudication of criminal contempt—was squarely decided in *Nye* v. *United States*, 1941, 313 U.S. 28, 43-44. Rejecting the argument that the Criminal Rules applied to all cases that could be categorized as "criminal", the Court held that the history and the language of the order promulgating the Rule required that it be applied only "with respect to any or all proceedings *after verdict* in criminal cases." (Emphasis added.)

In 1940, Congress authorized the Supreme Court to prescribe rules of procedure in criminal proceedings "prior to and including verdict." Act of June 29, 1940, c. 445, 54 Stat. 688, as amended, 18 U.S.C. § 3771. Rules 1-31 and 40-60 were promulgated under the authority of this Act. It is clear that Rule 37(a)(2) can find no authority in this statute. Not only was it expressly prescribed under the "after verdict" enabling act, see 327 U.S. 825, but, as authorized in that act, it was never submitted to Congress. Under the "prior to verdict" enabling act, no rule could become effective unless submitted to Congress for its acquiescence. Only Rules 1-31 and 40-60 were so submitted. See 327 U. S. 824; Dession, The New Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure: II, 56 Yale L.J. 197, 230 (1947).

(2) For any act under color of authority derived from any law providing for equal rights, or for refusing to do any act on the ground that it would be inconsistent with such law."

The meaning of this statute, passed in a package with the first post-bellum Civil Rights Act, Act of April 9, 1866, 14 Stat. 27, has been the subject of debate since its passage. It was originally construed to cover cases in which the defendant alleged his inability to obtain a fair trial due to such informal impediments as local prejudice. *State* v. *Dunlap,* 1871, 65 N.C. 491; see also *Ex parte Wells,* 3 Woods 128, quoted in *Kentucky* v. *Powers,* 1906, 201 U.S. 1, 27 (Bradley, J., on circuit).

Later, the view was taken that only formal impediments, stemming from State legislation, could give rise to such deprivations of equal civil rights as would allow a defendant to invoke federal jurisdiction by removal. *Kentucky* v. *Powers,* 1906, 201 U.S. 1. As this latter view was the latest Supreme Court pronouncement directly on the matter, the district court in the present case felt bound by it. In remanding the case to the State court, the district court states that "A criminal prosecution or a civil case under this statute [28 U.S.C.A. §1443] because of a civil right or the enforcement of such right must arise out of the destruction of such right by the Constitution or statutory laws of the State wherein the action is pending."

In delineating the scope of the civil rights removal statute for the first time, the Supreme Court placed great stress on the necessity that the denial of protected rights be made to appear in advance of trial, *Virginia* v. *Rives,* 1879, 100 U.S. 313. By way of illustration, the Court indicated that denials of equal rights at the hands of court officials, occurring during trial, could not be cured by

removal but that such denials under state legislation could be safeguarded against in this manner. It has been argued that, under a realistic appraisal of the facts in a given case, the Supreme Court today would recognize the right to removal under §1443(1) even where no legislative denial of rights is shown. See Krieger, "Local Prejudice and Removal of Criminal Cases From State to Federal Courts," 19 St. John's L. Rev. 43 (1944); Note, "Local Prejudice in Criminal Cases," 54 Harv. L. Rev. 679, 685-86 (1941). Such a recognition by the Court thus would re-emphasize the putative essence of *Virginia* v. *Rives*—that the denial of equal rights must be susceptible of demonstration before trial—and minimize the illustrative language in that case dealing with state legislation.

We have been asked by the appellants to anticipate such an interpretation of §1443 by the Supreme Court; however, there is no reason for us to reach that question in this case. This is so for two reasons. First, the petition in this case did allege the denial of protected rights by State legislation. Secondly, the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and its interpretation in *Hamm* v. *City of Rock Hill*, 1964, — U. S. —, provide a different, and narrower, ground on which this case may be disposed of.

After alleging the specific facts respecting the arrests of each of the 20 persons, including allegations that each of them was, when arrested, seeking food or accommodations at a restaurant or hotel, the petitioners alleged that each of their acts had been followed by special Grand Jury presentments charging them with violating the named section of the Georgia Code, and that the said presentments were pending in the Superior Court of Fulton County and were to be heard within a few days if not transferred. They then alleged the following:

> "(3) By virtue of Title 28, United States Code Annotated, Section 1443(1) and (2), this Court has

jurisdiction to hear and try the charges now pending against the petitioners. Removal is sought to protect the rights guaranteed to petitioners under the due process and equal protection clauses of Section 1, Fourteenth Amendment of the Constitution of the United States and to protect the right of free speech, association, and assembly guaranteed by the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States.

"Moreover, petitioners are being prosecuted for acts done under color of authority derived from the constitution and laws of the United States and for refusing to do an act which was, and is, inconsistent with the Constitution and Laws of the United States.

"(4) The petitioners are denied and/or cannot enforce in the Courts of the State of Georgia rights under the Constitution and Laws of the United States providing for the equal rights of citizens of the United States and all persons within the jurisdiction therof, in that, among other things, the State of Georgia by *statute,* custom, usage, and practice supports and maintains a policy of racial discrimination." (Emphasis added).

The district court apparently decided that, since the removal petition did not expressly allege that Section 26-3005 was unconstitutional on its face, the petition failed to allege adequately that "the destruction of" the right to equal protection granted by the United States Constitution was caused by "statutory laws of the State" of Georgia. The allegation contained in paragraph 4 of the petition for removal, quoted above, that petitioners were denied their rights under the constitution and laws of the United States because the State of Georgia "by statute . . . supports and maintains a policy of racial discrimination," however, clearly asserts the precise ground for removal that the trial

court said was required. This would not be so, of course, if a petition for removal, unlike other pleadings under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, must contain something more than the bare bones allegation of the existence of a right. As to this matter, we have no doubt that the rules of notice pleading apply with as much vigor to petitions for removal as they do to other pleadings, which, according to Rule 8(f) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, "shall be so construed as to do substantial justice." The statute requires that the petition for removal contain "a short and plain statement of the facts which entitle him or them to removal." 28 U.S.C.A. §1446. The Supreme Court has held that the removal must be effected by the filing of "a verified petition setting forth, agreeably to the ordinary rules of pleading, the particular facts, not already appearing, out of which the right arises." *Chesapeake & Ohio Railway Co.* v. *Cockrell*, 1914, 232 U. S. 146, 151. It is plain, therefore, that the petition is to be construed "agreeably to the ordinary Rules of pleading" since in fact the petition for removal is the basis for the federal court's jurisdiction and it is a pleading of the facts necessary to vest jurisdiction in the federal court.

In *Allman* v. *Hanley*, 5 Cir., 1962, 302 F. 2d 559, 562, this Court said:

> "The absence of detailed grounds setting forth basis for removal is not fatal to defendants' right to remove. We think that the allegation that petitioners were officers acting under color of office in the employment of the United States was sufficient. Title 28, United States Code, Section 1446(a) requires only a short, plain statement of facts entitling a defendant to removal."

This is in line with this Court's construction of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure relating to the liberality of plead-

ings under the rules. If a petition for removal states sufficient in the way of allegations to support proof of adequate grounds for removal, it is to be treated in the same manner as a complaint in federal court. As to such a pleading, this Court has frequently reiterated what we said in *Des Isles* v. *Evans,* 5 Cir., 1952, 200 F. 2d 614, 615, in quoting Moore's Federal Practice:

> "The courts have ruled time and again that a motion to dismiss for failure to state a claim should not be granted unless it appears to a certainty that the plaintiff would be entitled to no relief under any state of facts which could be proved in support of his claim."

In that case we also quoted from an opinion by this Court in *De Loach* v. *Crowley's Inc.,* 5 Cir., 1942, 128 F. 2d 378, 380:

> "Under the Rules of Civil Procedure a case consists not in the pleadings, but the evidence, for which the pleadings furnish the basis. Cases are generally to be tried on the proofs rather than the pleadings."

We conclude, therefore, that this petition for removal adequately alleged that the appellants suffered a denial of equal civil rights by virtue of the statute under which they were being prosecuted in the State court. Unless there is patently no substance in this allegation, a good claim for removal under § 1443(1) has been stated. That the allegation does not lack substance may be seen from a consideration of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. as construed by the Supreme Court.

Statutes of South Carolina and Arkansas, substantially the same as the Georgia statute involved here, were before the Supreme Court in *Hamm* v. *City of Rock Hill, supra.* Having upheld the constitutionality of Title II (Public Accommodations) of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 both as re-

spects businesses serving interstate travelers and businesses of a more local nature a substantial part of whose products have moved in commerce, *Heart of Atlanta Motel, Inc.* v. *United States*, 1964 — U. S. —; *Katzenbach* v. *McClung*, 1964, — U. S. —, the Court in *Hamm* held that prosecutions under State anti-trespass statutes may not stand if the denial of service or the request for removal from the premises was based upon an intent to discriminate against the arrested persons on account of race. The Court ruled that "The Civil Rights Act of 1964 forbids discrimination in places of public accommodation and removes peaceful attempts to be served on an equal basis from the category of punishable activities. Although the conduct in the present cases occurred prior to enactment of the Act, the still pending convictions are abated by its passage." The Court further said:

> "In short, now that the Congress has exercised its constitutional power in enacting the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and has declared that the public policy of our country is to prohibit discrimination in public accommodations as therein defined, there is no public interest to be served in the further prosecution of the petitioners. And in accordance with the long established rule of our cases they must be abated and the judgment in each is therefore vacated and the charges are ordered dismissed."

In the removal petitions in the cases pending before this Court, it is explicitly alleged that the arrests of appellants "were effected for the sole purpose of aiding, abetting, and perpetuating customs, and usages which have deep historical and psychological roots in the mores and attitudes which exist within the City of Atlanta with respect to serving and seating members of the Negro race in such places of public accommodation and convenience upon a racially discrimina-

tory basis and upon terms and conditions not imposed upon members of the so-called white or Caucasian race. Members of the so-called white or Caucasian race are similarly treated and discriminated against when accompanied by members of the Negro race." These are allegations of fact, which if true, place these prosecutions by the State of Georgia squarely within the principle announced by the Supreme Court in *Hamm* v. *City of Rock Hill.*

In its opinion, the Supreme Court pointed out that no State may now prosecute Negroes who were charged with having refused to leave premises in accordance with the provisions of the Georgia statute where the request to leave was based upon a policy of racial discrimination. The Court pointed out that Section 203 of the Act provides:

> "No person shall (a) withhold, deny or attempt to withhold or deny, or deprive or attempt to deprive, any person of any right or privilege secured by Section 201 or 202, or (b) intimidate, threaten or coerce any person with the purpose of interfering with any right or privilege secured by Section 201 or 202, or (c) *punish or attempt to punish any person for exercising or attempting to exercise any right or privilege secured* by Section 201 or 202." (Emphasis in Supreme Court opinion.)

The Court said, "On its face, this language prohibits prosecution of any person for seeking service in a covered establishment because of his race or color." The Court then proceeded to apply this prohibition to pending as well as prospective prosecutions. If therefore, the arrests and prosecutions of the appellants "were effected for the sole purpose of aiding, abetting and perpetuating customs . . . with respect to serving and seating members of the Negro race" in the respective restaurants "upon a racially discriminatory basis," as alleged, then under the holding of the Supreme Court these prosecutions will have to be abated.

Appendix C

Because of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title II, and its recent interpretation by the Supreme Court, we hold that the allegations of these petitions are sufficient to invoke federal jurisdiction under 28 U. S. C. A. § 1443(1). That statute provides, as it has provided since its enactment in 1866, a federal forum in civil actions and criminal prosecutions to vindicate, in certain circumstances, rights "under any law providing for the equal civil rights of citizens of the United States." When the removal statute was originally enacted, the "law providing for . . . equal civil rights" most clearly contemplated was found in sections 1977 and 1978 of the Revised Statutes, *Strauder* v. *West Virginia*, 1879, 100 U. S. 303, 311. These sections formed part of the 1866 Civil Rights Act along with the removal provisions. In upholding the constitutionality of the removal statute, the Supreme Court made it clear that that act was merely one legitimate way for Congress to ensure the effectiveness of the substantive provisions of the civil rights laws. *Strauder* v. *West Virginia*, *supra*, at 310-12. The Court said, "A right or an immunity, whether enacted by the Constitution or only guaranteed by it, even without any express delegation of power, may be protected by Congress. . . . And one very efficient and appropriate mode of extending such protection and securing to a party the enjoyment of the right or immunity, is a law providing for the removal of his case from a State court, in which the right is denied by the State law, into a Federal court, where it will be upheld. This is an ordinary mode of protecting rights and immunities conferred by the Federal Constitution and laws. Sec. 641 [now § 1443(1)] is such a provision." See also *Virginia* v. *Rives*, 1879, 100 U. S. 313, 318.

From its inception, then, the civil rights removal statute has been, as its language plainly contemplates, an adjunct to the substantive civil rights statutes enacted by Congress. The history of the several codifications and recodifications of sections 1977 and 1978, of the several amendments and

enlargements upon these seminal civil rights laws, and of the parallel codifications and recodifications of the removal statute which is presently 28 U. S. C. A. § 1443(1) amply supports this view of the tenor of the statutory language. (The history of these provisions is easily traceable through annotations in U. S. C. A.) It can not be doubted that § 1443(1) is today an adjunct of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. See *New York* v. *Galamison*, 2nd Cir., 1965, — F. 2d —, 33 U. S. Law Week 2389". Particularly is this so in light of the references to the provision of a federal forum on removal for the protection of substantive civil rights in the act itself, Title IX, § 901, and in its legislative history. See House Judiciary Committee Report reprinted in BNA, The Civil Rights Act of 1964, pp. 286-87; remarks of Senator Dodd, 110 Cong. Rec. 6739 (daily ed. April 6, 1964).

Congress, while carving out rights and immunities in the area of civil rights, has provided a jurisdictional basis for efficiently and appropriately protecting those rights and immunities in a federal forum. The provision of this protective forum is not limited by the States' obligation, under the Supremacy Clause, to protect federally guaranteed civil rights as zealously as would a federal court. That there is such an obligation on State tribunals is true, and vital, but it is irrelevant here. Theoretically, there is no need for any federal jurisdiction at all—except that of the Supreme Court—because State courts are required to protect federally created rights. Nevertheless, the power of Congress to provide a federal forum also to protect such rights is undoubted. Such power was exercised in enacting § 1443(1).

The federally guaranteed right and immunity here pertinent were elucidated by the Supreme Court in *Hamm* v. *City of Rock Hill, supra*, as follows:

> "[T]he language of § 203(c) supports a conclusion that non-forcible attempts to gain admittance or remain in establishments covered by the Act, are immunized from prosecution, for the statute speaks of

> exercising or attempting to exercise a 'right or privilege' secured by its earlier provisions. The availability of the Act as a defense against punishment is not limited solely to those who pursue the statutory remedies. The legislative history specifically notes that the Act would be a defense to criminal trespass, breach of the peace and similar prosecutions."

Under the allegations of the petitions in the present case, these appellants have been denied, because of State legislation, "a right under . . . [a] law providing for the equal civil rights of citizens of the United States." They are entitled to a federal forum as provided for in 28 U.S.C.A. Sec. 1443(1) in which to prove these allegations. If the allegations are proved, then the federal court acquires jurisdiction for all purposes. Under normal circumstances the state prosecutions would then proceed in the federal court. Here, however, the finding of the jurisdictional fact immediately brings the *Hamm* case into play. The same fact determination requires dismissal rather than further prosecution in the District Court.[3]

Upon remand, therefore, the trial court should give appellants an opportunity to prove the allegations in the removal petition as to the purpose for the arrests and prosecutions, and in the event it is established that the removal of the appellants from the various places of public accommodation was done for racial reasons, then under authority of the *Hamm* case it would become the duty of the district court to order a dismissal of the prosecutions without further proceedings.

Concluding, as we do, that the petition for removal alleges sufficient grounds showing a denial of the civil rights of the appellants in the state courts by reason of the State statute, it follows that the order of remand was

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[3] In light of the view we have taken of this case, it is unnecessary to review the appellants' contention that they are also entitled to removal under 28 U.S.C.A. § 1443(2).

in error and it must be reversed and the case remanded to the district court for further proceedings not inconsistent with this opinion.

REVERSED AND REMANDED.

BELL, Circuit Judge, concurring in part and dissenting in part:

I regret that I cannot concur altogether in the opinion of the majority. The reasoning preliminary to the holding therein seems to embrace the following steps. We begin with the jurisdictional base, i.e., the removal statute. 28 USCA, § 1443(1). Next, the case of *Kentucky* v. *Powers*, 1906, 201 U. S. 1, is cited for authority that the removal statute is limited to those situations where a state law gives rise to the deprivation of equal civil rights by reason of which a defendant seeks to invoke federal jurisdiction. Then the removal petition itself is construed, and the conclusion reached that appellants do indeed assert that they were being denied their equal civil rights in the state court because of a Georgia statute. The fact that the statute is nowhere specified is met by applying the philosophy of federal notice type pleading to the bare allegation of the removal petition, to the end of assuming that the petition referred to Georgia Code 26-3005, the anti-trespass statute.[1] It is also assumed that appellants will claim on hearing that the statute is either unconstitutional on its face or as applied by the state court to appellants. The unconstitutionality in application may be claimed on the holding of the Supreme Court in *Hamm* v. *City of Rock Hill*, 1964, — U. S. —, — S. Ct. —,

[1] It shall be unlawful for any person, who is on the premises of another, to refuse and fail to leave said premises when requested to do so by the owner or any person in charge of said premises or the agent or employee of such owner or such person in charge. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished as for a misdemeanor. (Ga. Laws 1960, p. 142)

13 L. Ed. 2d 300, in its retroactive application of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 for reason of national policy to the socalled sit-in cases. That case protects persons engaged in peaceable sit-ins in restaurants covered by the Act from prosecution.

Thus, the majority concludes that the removal petition may fairly be read as alleging a valid claim for removal under 28 USCA, § 1443(1). And up to this point, I am in agreement with the majority. That is, I agree that the removal petition may now be read to allege that appellants are unable to enforce in the Georgia courts the right, conferred by the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as construed by *Hamm* v. *City of Rock Hill*, to be free from prosecution under state trespass statutes for peaceful sit-in demonstrations. The fact is that appellants were being prosecuted under such a statute, viz., Ga. Code § 26-3005. Therefore I also agree that the District Court erred in remanding to the state court without a hearing. However, I wish to disassociate myself from that part of the holding as to how these cases are to be treated on remand to the District Court.

We should reverse and remand for a hearing on the question of jurisdiction. But, the majority states, and this is where I disagree, that upon remand the trial court should give appellants the opportunity to prove their allegations as to the purpose of the arrests and prosecutions, and in the event the refusal of service in places of public accommodation was for racial reasons, then under the authority of the *Hamm* case it would become the duty of the District Court to dismiss the prosecutions. If this is all that remains for consideration on remand, the holding of the majority is tantamount to applying *Hamm* v. *Rock Hill* in all its sweep against trespass statutes, retroactively to the State of Georgia. It is, in effect, a holding that Georgia has applied and will continue to apply its trespass statute contrary to the teach-

ings of the Supreme Court in *Hamm*, even though *Hamm* had not been decided when the cases were in the state courts and even though the state courts have not had an opportunity to deal with these cases in the light of *Hamm*. In dispensing with the requirement that appellants prove on remand that the Georgia courts will not accord them their rights under the *Hamm* decision, the theory of the majority must be that *Hamm* has tainted these prosecutions *ab initio*, and hence jurisdiction in the federal court has been established retroactively by the very fact that the prosecutions were ever commenced. This casual treatment of the Georgia courts is a striking departure from my concept of Federalism and from the duty which I think comity imposes upon us with regard to that system.

The fact is that the Supreme Court had never, before and absent *Hamm* and the 1964 Civil Rights Act, held the use of state trespass statutes under the circumstances here presented to be unconstitutional. This was one of the problems that the Civil Rights Act sought to obviate. See the following cases where the question was pretermitted: *Griffin* v. *Maryland*, 1964, — U. S. —, 84 S. Ct. 1770, 12 L. Ed. 2d 754; *Barr* v. *Columbia*, 1964, — U. S. —, 84 S. Ct. 1734, 12 L. Ed. 2d 766; *Robinson* v. *Florida*, 1964, — U. S. —, 84 S. Ct. 1693, 12 L. Ed. 2d 771; *Bell* v. *Maryland*, 1964, — U. S. —, 84 S. Ct. 1814, 12 L. Ed. 2d 822; and *Bouie* v. *Columbia*, 1964, — U. S. —, 84 S. Ct. 1697, 12 L. Ed. 2d 894. We recognized this fact in *Poole* v. *Barnett*, 5 Cir., 1964, 336 F. 2d 267. It is now undoubtedly true that the 1964 Civil Rights Act and the *Hamm* decision have placed a gloss on state trespass statutes so that they may not be applied against those peaceably seeking service in restaurants covered by the Act, or against those whose prosecutions for such activity were pending at the time of the passage of the Act. However, in view of this gloss being of a supervening nature, I would give the Georgia court from whence these cases were removed a chance to apply

the *Hamm* doctrine unless appellants can demonstrate on remand to the District Court that the Georgia court would not fairly accord them their rights under *Hamm*.

Thus, on remand the District Court should first determine just what appellants do claim under the present allegations of their notice type pleading. If they contend that the statute is unconstitutional in its application to them by the state, by virtue of the *Hamm* case or otherwise, then the question will arise whether the state in fact seeks to apply the statute in an unconstitutional manner. If it appears, and the burden would be on appellants to show this, that the state will apply the statute contrary to the teachings of *Hamm*, the District Court should deny remand and retain the cases for disposition; otherwise, the cases should be remanded.

I doubt that appellants can point to any right that would be jeopardized by remand to the state court. The Supreme Court of Georgia has already applied *Hamm* to a group of sit-in convictions with the result of abating the conviction and ordering the cases dismissed. *Bolton, et al.* v. *State of Georgia*, No. 22,810, decided February 8, 1965. Such jeopardy as may be involved is jeopardy to our dual system of courts, federal and state. And a federal court should not lightly intrude into a sphere of activity left to state and local government under the Constitution: the maintenance of local order. Because the decision of the majority goes to the point of vesting jurisdiction in the federal court retroactively, a step further than the Supreme Court went in *Hamm*, I respectfully dissent.

WHITEHURST, District Judge, concurring in part and dissenting in part:

I concur in Judge Tuttle's opinion on the merits. However, the Notice of Appeal having been filed six days later than permitted under Rule 37(a)(2) of the Rules of Criminal Procedure, I would dismiss the appeal.

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Statement

This memorandum is in opposition to a petition made by Milton A. Galamison and others that writs of certiorari be issued to review the orders and judgments of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, entered on January 26, 1965, affirming orders and judgments of the United States District Court for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York remanding criminal prosecutions pending in the Criminal Court of the City of New York which had been removed to the said United States District Court allegedly pursuant to the provisions of Title 28, United States Code, Section 1443 *et seq.*

The opinions of the Court of Appeals are not yet reported.

The petition incorporated the opinions as Appendix A and the printed copy of the opinions will undoubtedly be submitted to the Court by petitioners.

Sole Question Presented

Whether State Court prosecutions may be removed to the Federal District Court under Title 28, U.S.C. 1443, Subdivision 2, where the petitions fail to set forth any law providing for equal rights under which color of authority was allegedly obtained by the petitioners to perform the acts with which they are charged in the criminal proceedings pending in the State Courts.

Proceedings in the Court Below

A

A single petition was filed in the United States District Court, Eastern District of New York, by approximately 50 petitioners who were defendants in various criminal proceedings pending in the Criminal Court of the City of New York, County of Queens. Some of the defendants were charged with the commission of crimes on April 4, 1964, and others on April 22, 1964. Some were charged with crimes committed in front of the 110th Police Precinct, others with crimes committed underneath or near subway stations and others with crimes committed on the tracks of an elevated transit system, others with commission of crimes in front of the grounds of the New York City Worlds Fair and others with crimes committed within the grounds of the said Worlds Fair. Some of these various defendants were charged with the offense of disorderly conduct and

others with resisting arrest, obstructing railway cars and trespass on real property, the latter charges being misdemeanors pursuant to the Penal Law of the State of New York. In a somewhat similar proceeding in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, petitions for removal of criminal prosecutions to that court were filed by persons charged with disorderly conduct and inducing truancy in the vicinity of a public Junior High School in the County of Bronx, State of New York.

B

The United States District Courts for the Eastern and Southern District of New York issued an order remanding the said prosecutions to the State Court.

C

On January 26, 1965, the Court of Appeals handed down an opinion determining the issues arising out of the proceedings of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York and also with respect to orders of remand which had been granted by the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, all of the appeals on such orders having been heard together.

Although the petition had made general, non factual and conclusory statements to indicate that removal was made pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 1443, Subdivision 1 and Subdivision 2, in the Court of Appeals the petitioners relied solely on their alleged right to removal pursuant to Subdivision 2, in that they alleged that the acts committed by them were made pursuant to color of authority derived from a law providing for equal rights. The decision of the Court of

Appeals, affirming the orders of remand, was by a divided vote.

As far as these petitioners are concerned, the majority held:

> "(4) When the removal statute speaks of 'color of authority derived from' a law providing for equal rights, it refers to a situation where the lawmakers manifested an affirmative intention that a beneficiary of such a law should be able to do something and not merely to one where he may have a valid defense or be entitled to have civil or criminal liability imposed on those interfering with him.
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> (5) When the removal statute speaks of 'any law providing for equal rights,' it refers to those laws that are couched in terms of equality, such as the historic and the recent equal rights statutes, as distinguished from laws, of which the due process clause and 42 U.S.C. Section 1983 are sufficient examples, that confer equal rights in the sense, vital to our way of life, of bestowing them upon all." (at p. 995)

Reasons for Denying the Writ

(a). The Petitioners have failed to show sufficient reason for consideration of this case by the United States Supreme Court.

The United States Supreme Court does not hear, consider and write upon every so-called legal problem considered by the courts below. The mere fact that these cases were clothed by the Petitioners with a mantle of subject matter which at present is prominent, insofar as the rights of Negroes are concerned, does not necessarily warrant consideration by this court of a situation involving

the application of ordinary police power statutes of New York State to ordinary conduct falling within the definition of those statutes. There are, tangentially, current problems involved in the struggle of the American Negroes for equal rights. This court has not yet proclaimed an "open door" policy to the hearing and determination of every law suit in which a state charges an individual with a violation of state law simply because the individual alleges that his conduct was inspired by his desire to obtain equal rights for those to whom they are denied.

For the first time, after one hundred years on the books, this statute is now attempted to be employed upon novel theories of interpretation never before contemplated or even suggested in relation to that statute—theories which would result in emasculating the police power of the state and destroying the effectiveness of the state judiciary system in dealing with matters of purely local concern.

The reference to *Rachel* v. *The State of Georgia*, 21354, 5th Circuit, is not proper to this petition, inasmuch as *Rachel* deals solely with section 1443 sub-division 1 and petitioners have acknowledged to the Court of Appeals that sub-division 1 is not applicable here.

(b). The interpretation of the majority of the lower court is correct and is not in conflict with the decisions of this court.

The arguments presented at pages 11-15 of the petition do not fairly present the holding of the majority.

The petitioners incorrectly state the language of the court. Firstly, there is no statement by the court below that the language "any law providing for equal civil

rights'' in sub-division 1 also appears in sub-division 2. (See petition page 11.)

Furthermore, petitioners' statement that ''the majority opinion concedes that the laws 'providing for equal civil rights,' upon which petitioners here derive their 'color of authority,' the Equal Protection Clause and the general Civil Rights Acts . . .,'' is incorrect. The court, on the contrary, held that:

> ''Neither the equal protection clause nor section 1981 confers 'color of authority' to perform acts which a state alleges to be in violation of laws of general application intended to preserve the peace from disturbance by anyone. The constitutional provision and the statute are addressed to preventing inequality in the treatment of conduct, and to that great purpose alone. They give no constitutional defense, let alone 'authority,' for disregard of laws providing for the equal punishment of disturbers of the peace simply because the disturbances were in the course of protests over alleged denial of equality in schools, housing or economic opportunity—any more than the Second Amendment bestows 'authority' to disturb the peace in the course of a protest over an alleged denial of the right to keep arms or the Fourth Amendment does so with respect to a protest over police methods'' (at page 983).*

The petitioners' quotations from *Strauder* v. *West Virginia*, 100 U.S. 303, and the *Slaughter-House* Case, 16 Wall 36, do not help the petitioners. Securing to a race all the civil rights that any other race may enjoy and the security

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* The court could have added a further example of the First Amendment not permitting an individual to cry "fire" in a crowded theatre.

and firm estalishment of freedom and the protection of a citizen from oppression cannot be held to direct, encourage, authorize, empower or give even a scintilla of "color of authority" to lie on subway tracks to prevent the movement of passenger trains, or to lie on roadways to prevent the movement of materiel trucks or to encourage truancy by school children. Petitioners do not allege that they are being discriminated against in these criminal prosecutions, but apparently contend that any such acts are not within the jurisdictional power of the state to hear and determine.

(c). The contemporary importance of the civil rights removal statute was not overlooked by the Court of Appeals.

If anything, a reading of the opinions would indicate that the Circuit Court gave this issue considerably more thought than the fundamental issue involved would require. The fact which can hardly be overlooked is that, because the court was aware as everyone else is of the current struggle by all Negro Americans for equality, it gave painstaking and extraordinary consideration to petitioners' contentions and arrived at the only rational result that the law permits.

(d). The District Court was not in error when it denied a hearing as requested by these petitioners.

Petitioners attempted to have the court hold a hearing where they proposed to examine the Governor of the State of New York, the Mayor of the City of New York, the Commissioner of Police, the District Attorneys and many other governmental authorities and leading officers of various

unions, to establish that certain discriminating practices were present in public building, housing and education.

Inasmuch as the petitioners withdrew any contentions under section 1443 sub-division 1, such hearing would have been of no value.

Furthermore, even though discriminatory practices might exist, there would be no basis for the court's transferring these prosecutions to the Federal court under the statute in question.

However, it should be emphasized that the State of New York has never refused to enforce its anti-discrimination statutes. New York was the first state to establish its constitutional right to enforce its anti-discrimination policies against labor organizations. *Railway Mail Assn.* v. *Corsi*, 293 N.Y. 315, aff'd. 326 U.S. 88 (1945). Prior to the commencement of these actions, the Civil Rights Bureau of the New York Attorney General's office, after a detailed investigation, filed a complaint with the State Commission for Human Rights charging racial discrimination in the apprenticeship program of the Sheet Metal Industry in New York City (*Lefkowitz* v. *Farrell, et al.*, C-9287-63). After lengthy public hearings, the State Commission in an opinion issued on February 26, 1964 found Local Union No. 28 of the Sheet Metal Workers International Association and the members of the Joint Apprenticeship Committee to be in violation of the New York Law Against Discrimination and by order dated March 20, 1964 directed Local No. 28 and the Joint Apprenticeship Committee to adopt and pursue objective standards which will insure that "the selection of apprentices will henceforth be made on the

basis of qualifications alone and without regard to race, creed, color or national origin." The affirmative provisions of the Commission's order, including the adoption of objective standards and the barring of nepotism in the selection of apprentices were sustained in *Matter of State Commission For Human Rights* v. *Farrell, et al.*, 43 Misc. 2d 958 (1964) which has been aptly described as a "landmark decision" with "overtones of precedent for all other unions in the State, particularly those in the building trades" New York Herald Tribune, Aug. 25, 1964, page 10.

Thus, New York needs no judicial prodding to enforce its many anti-discrimination statutes, but, rather, welcomes and encourages aggrieved parties to bring any information they may have with regard to discriminatory conduct to the attention of proper public agencies so that appropriate action may be taken.

In *Bell* v. *Maryland*, 378 U.S. 226, 284, this Court took notice that New York State is one of 5 states in the union which enacted laws prohibiting discrimination in privately owned accommodations, in private employment, housing, education and hospitals and created State commissions to enforce such laws.

Surely, State action supporting discrimination cannot be spelled out from alleged inaction in enforcement where the State, in its laws and in its contracts for public work, proscribes discrimination, and where, as here, there is no evidence that any of the petitioners ever made an unheeded complaint to any State agency empowered to enforce the state laws against discrimination.

In *Gaynor* v. *Rockefeller*, 15 N.Y. 2d 120 (1965), Judge Fuld speaking for the unanimous court said:

> "The crux of the complaint as against the defendant public officials is that they have, in effect, condoned unlawful discrimination in employment on public construction projects by dealing with contractors who otbained their labor force from unions which wrongfully exclude qualified Negroes from their membership and apprenticeship programs. Manifestly, however, the discriminatory practices of the unions are in no way chargeable to the State or City, since such unions are neither 'organs of the State itself' nor 'repositories of official power.' (See *Nixon* v. *Condon*, 286 U.S. 73, 88; see, also, *Burton* v. *Wilmington Pkg. Auth.*, 365 U.S. 715, 721-722; *Williams* v. *Yellow Cab Co. of Pittsburgh, Pa.*, 200 F. 2d 302, 307, cert. den. *sub nom. Dargan* v. *Yellow Cab Co.*, 346 U.S. 840.)
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> It is the settled policy of the courts not to review the exercise of discretion by public officials in the enforcement of State statutes, in the absence of a clear violation of some constitutional mandate. (See *People* v. *Ballard*, 134 N.Y. 269, 293; *Matter of Lewis* v. *Lefkowitz*, 32 Misc 2d 434, affd. 17 A D 2d 778.) No basis is here shown for charging the State or City with being a party to the denial to the plaintiffs of the equal protection of the laws in violation of Federal or State constitutional guarantees. Neither the State nor the City has here either affirmatively sanctioned any discriminatory practices by statute or announced policy or, indeed, even knowingly acquiesced therein. (Cf. *Peterson* v. *Greenville*, 373 U.S. 244; *Lombard* v. *Louisiana*, 373 U.S. 267.)
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> It may well be, as the plaintiffs evidently believe, that judicial proceedings of the ordinary type will not suffice to break the pattern of discrimination which, it is alleged, permeates the construction industry. A full and adequate remedy, is however, available to the plaintiffs by way of resort to the State Commission for Human Rights and there is, accordingly, no warrant for invocation of the aid of equity or for the granting of declaratory relief. (See *Goodman & Co.* v. *New York Tel. Co.*, 309 N.Y. 258, 266, *supra; Kane* v. *Walsh,* 295 N.Y. 198, 206, *supra.*)"

It follows as a natural consequence that the alleged criminal conduct that these petitioners engaged in, seemingly for dramatic purposes, should not entitle them to have the issues tried in the "sanctuary" of the Federal Court. The alleged misconduct is evidently and unquestionably a proper subject matter for State court jurisdiction and determination.

(e). Petitioners have not shown that the opinion below is in conflict with the ruling of any other Circuit.

The petitioners have referred to *Rachel* v. *Georgia, supra* and have spread the opinion of the 5th Circuit in that case through petitioners' Appendix C. *Rachel* concerned itself solely with the effect of section 1443 sub-division 1 and is not relevant to the issue before the Court of Appeals. In fact, *Rachel* relies on this case. At page 39 of the petition the 5th Circuit said: "It cannot be doubted that section 1443 sub-division 1 is today an adjunct of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. See *New York* v. *Galamison,* 2nd Cir., 1965, — F. 2d —, 33 U.S. Law Week 2389."

CONCLUSION

The petition fails to show sufficient reason for consideration of this cause by the United States Supreme Court. The petition for writ of certiorari should be denied.

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Supreme Court of the United States

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No. .....

MILTON A. GALAMISON, *et al.*,

Petitioners,

against

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,

Respondent.

RESPONDENT'S BRIEF IN OPPOSITION TO PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE SECOND CIRCUIT

Statement

This is a petition for a writ of certiorari to the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit to review a decision of that court, dated January 26, 1965, affirming an order of the United States District Court, Southern District of New York (CANNELLA, J.), dated August 4, 1964, granting respondent's motion to remand this case to the Criminal Court of the City of New York.

This case was argued at the same time as two separate cases from Bronx and Queens counties. This brief is submitted on behalf of New York County only. A separate brief will be submitted on behalf of the other two counties.

Background

This case is made up of cases which originated in three separate counties and which were separately removed to the United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, which duly remanded each case. In the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit the petitioners made a motion to consolidate the cases. Although this motion was denied the cases were argued together and decided in one opinion.

On March 27, 1964, the petitioners were arrested by members of the Police Department of the City of New York. Said petitioners were charged with violating the Penal Law of the State of New York, Section 722, subdivision 2 (disorderly conduct); 1851 (resisting a public officer in the discharge of his duty); 2036 (unlawful intrusion on real property); 2092 (unlawful assembly). Petitioners Howard Quander and Herbert Callender were further charged with violating Penal Law, Section 244 (assault in the third degree).

As appears from the complaints filed in the Criminal Court of the City of New York, all of the petitioners are charged with placing themselves in hallways and on staircases inside New York's City Hall in such a manner as to obstruct the normal business routine thereat. Petitioners Rice and Bronson are charged with chaining themselves to

the staircase. Petitioners Quander and Callendar are charged with assault on a police officer. All petitioners were charged with disorderly conduct in that they obstructed passageways and refused to desist until ordered to do so.

All petitioners were released on bail by a Justice of the Criminal Court of the City of New York. The amounts of bail ranged from $500.00 to $1,000.00 with respect to some of the charges, and petitioners were paroled on the other charges. On arraignment, all of these cases were adjourned, at the request of petitioners, to April 15, 1964.

On April 15, 1964, the cases were again adjourned, at the request of the petitioners, to April 29, 1964. On that adjourned date, April 15, 1964, a petition was filed for removal of said proceedings from the Criminal Court of the City of New York, County of New York, to the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, pursuant to Title 28, Section 1443, subdivisions 1 and 2, of the United States Code. Service was made on the Office of the District Attorney, in the Criminal Court Building, by physically handing a copy of the papers to the Assistant District Attorney in charge of the case at the time scheduled for trial.

On May 14, 1964, respondent made a motion, to remand the case to the Criminal Court of the City of New York, County of New York, returnable on May 26, 1964. The motion was adjourned to June 9, 1964, then to June 30, 1964, and then again to July 28, 1964, each time at petitioners' request.

The adjournment on June 30, 1964 was by written stipulation. That stipulation provided that if petitioners sought to file depositions they should serve copies of such depositions on the District Attorney on July 20, 1964. Instead, on July 13, 1964, petitioners served notice that they would take such depositions on July 20, 1964. On July 17, 1964, respondent moved to quash the subpoenas, and for an order that depositions not be taken. This motion was returnable on July 28, 1964. On July 20, 1964 one of these persons who had been subpoenaed appeared but Honorable Edmund L. Palmieri declined to order that the deposition to be taken in view of respondent's motion to quash the subpoenas and that depositions not be taken.

Thereafter, on July 28, 1964 and July 29, 1964, all motions were argued before the Honorable John M. Cannella. This was the first time answering papers to respondent's May 14, 1964 motion to remand were served—some two months after they were initially due.

The District Court, on July 29, 1964, denied petitioners' motion for a hearing, granted respondent's motion to set aside the notice to take depositions and quash subpoenas, and granted the motion to remand the case to the Criminal Court of the City of New York. An order so remanding the case was signed by the Honorable John M. Cannella on August 4, 1964.

The petitioners requested and received an order staying the proceedings in the Criminal Court of the City of New York, signed by the Honorable Sterry R. Waterman, dated September 1, 1964. An application by petitioners to con-

solidate this case with other cases arising in Bronx County was denied on September 10, 1964, by the Honorable Thurgood Marshall.

After the decision of the Court of Appeals, the proceedings in the Criminal Court were again stayed by the Court of Appeals pending an application to this Court for certiorari.

The Relevant Statutes

28 U. S. C. 1443—Civil Rights Cases

> Any of the following civil actions or criminal prosecutions, commenced in a state court may be removed by the defendant to the district court of the United States for the district division embracing the place wherein it is pending:
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> (1) Against any person who is denied or cannot enforce in the courts of such State a right under any law providing for the equal civil rights of citizens of the United States, or of all persons within the jurisdiction thereof;
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> (2) For any act under color of authority derived from any law providing for equal rights, or for refusing to do any act on the ground that it would be inconsistent with such law.

Section 1443 stems from Section 3 of the first Civil Rights Act, 14 Stat. 27 (1866), which follows:

> "*And be it further enacted*, That the district courts of the United States, within their respective districts, shall have, exclusively of the courts of the several States, cognizance of all crimes and offenses com-

mitted against the provisions of this act, and also, concurrently with the circuit courts of the United States, of all causes, civil and criminal, affecting persons who are denied or cannot enforce in the courts or judicial tribunals of the State or locality where they may be any of the rights secured to them by the first section of this act; and if any suit or prosecution, civil or criminal, has been or shall be commenced in any State court, against any such person, for any cause whatsoever, or against any officer, civil or military, or other person, for any arrest or imprisonment, trespasses, or wrongs done or committed by virtue or under color of authority derived from this act or the act establishing a Bureau for the relief of Freedmen and Refugees, and all acts amendatory thereof, or for refusing to do any act upon the ground that it would be inconsistent with this act, such defendant shall have the right to remove such cause for trial to the proper district or circuit court in the manner prescribed by the 'Act relating to habeas corpus and regulating judicial proceedings in certain cases,' approved March three, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, and all acts amendatory thereof."

Section 901 of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 reads as follows:

"An order remanding a case to the State court from which it was removed is not reviewable on appeal or otherwise, except that an order remanding a case to the State court from which it was removed pursuant to section 1443 of this title shall be reviewable by appeal or otherwise."

POINT I

The decision below effectuates the intent of Congress.

In this case the petitioners sought removal of state criminal prosecutions to the United States District Courts. They originally sought removal under 28 U. S. C. 1443(1) and 28 U. S. C. 1443(2) but on appeal to the United States Court of Appeals pressed this point under 1443(2) only. The two subsections of 1443 are fundamentally different. 1443(1) permits removal when there is a showing of discriminatory enforcement. 1443(2) permits removal, regardless of whether or not enforcement is discriminatory, when the petitioner can show that he did the acts charged under color of authority of some right granted by Civil Rights legislation.

The decision below is apparently the first time an appellate court has ruled on 28 U. S. C. 1443(2). However, since that decision is correct, there being no other reason to do so, this Court should not grant a writ of certiorari. This case started in the New York City Criminal Court after the petitioners had been arrested and charged with various common misdemeanors and offenses committed during a "sit-in" in the New York City Hall. The petitioners subsequently removed it to the United States District Court for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, which in turn remanded it to the New York City Criminal Court. Thereafter, the Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit affirmed the remand. Although at first the petitioners sought removal under both subsections of 28 U. S. C. 1443, they did not press their

claim under 1443(1) on appeal and are now seeking removal only under 1443(2).

It is only since the enactment of Section 901 of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 that the granting of an order of remand has been appealable. The legislative history behind Section 901 reveals that Congress was concerned with the line of decisions leading up to *Kentucky* v. *Powers,* 201 U. S. 1 (1906), which held that there could only be removal when a state statute or constitution deprived the defendant of his rights. Since such provisions are now rare if they exist at all, Congress felt that to breathe life into the removal provisions, the federal appellate courts re-examine with fresh eyes the rule of those old decisions. Congress made it clear that by passing Section 901 it was asking the courts to re-examine on a case by case basis a subject that was too complex to yield readily to new substantive legislation. However, since those decisions all involve the predecessor of 1443(1) and not of 1443(2), there is no indication that Congress wanted the Courts to broaden removal under 1443(2).

The clearest statement of intent was made by Senator Dodd who stated that he was discussing the section specifically lest the question of legislative intent be raised. Senator Dodd said that the cases interpreting the section that is now 28 U. S. C. 1443 made erroneous interpretations of the Congressional intent behind the Acts of 1866 (which includes the predecessor of Section 1443). He went on to say:

> "It is particularly important it seems to me, that the right to a fair trial free from racial hostility and antagonism should be guaranteed. This is what the

> Congress of 1866 tried to do. This is what the removal statute will do if properly construed." 110 Congressional Record 6739 (1964).

Senator Dodd went on to say that Congress was rejecting the idea of specifying what kinds of cases should be removed because this would involve technical difficulties in drafting and should be handled on a case by case basis.

Senator Humphrey, floor manager for the bill, added his voice to the same effect saying that the cases appear

> "to hold that the right of removal is limited to situations in which a State statute or constitution on its face denies equal rights. However the real problem at present is not a statute which is on its face unconstitutional; it is the unconstitutional application of a statute. When a State statute has been unconstitutionally applied, most Federal district judges presently believe themselves bound by these old decisions and remand attempted removal to the State courts. Under present law such a remand is unappealable. As a consequence, the right to remove civil rights cases is of very little use. Enactment of title IX will give the appellate courts an opportunity to re-examine this question." 110 Congressional Record 6331 (1964).

In the House, Representative Kastenmeier spoke to the same effect saying:

> "we are only asking that the law, frozen as it has been for almost sixty years so that the civil rights provisions of removal are almost useless, be reviewed, the power of appeal from the district court orders of removal be granted, and also, incidentally that the Court of Appeals be authorized to reinterpret these laws. It would seem that under reinterpreta-

> tion of Section 1443 cases involving State criminal prosecution brought to intimidate the petitioner, cases involving such community hostility that a fair trial in State or local courts is unlikely or impossible, and other such cases as set forth certain conditions which would seem likely or certain to preclude a fair trial, might now well be construed to be within the scope of said section. If so, once again we will breathe life into the Civil Rights Acts of 1866 and give meaning to the purpose intended." 110 Congressional Record 2675 (1964).

From the foregoing it is absolutely clear that the intent of Congress was to allow the courts to re-examine the *Kentucky* v. *Powers*, 201 U. S. 1 (1906), line of decisions, and to ensure that cases will be removed when the defendant cannot obtain a fair trial.

It is clear from the foregoing that Congress in 1964 was solely concerned with 1443(1). This case does not involve that subsection but only 1443(2). Therefore although Section 901 of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 permits appellate review in cases arising under both subsections of 1443, there is no Congressional mandate to the courts to review 1443(2).

This Court should be aware in passing upon this petition that in *Rachel* v. *State of Georgia*, —— F. 2d —— (March 5, 1965), the Fifth Circuit in reversing an order granting a motion to remand, held that a valid claim had been made out under 1443(1).

The petitioners' claim that the decisions in this case and in *Rachel* v. *State of Georgia, supra*, represent a conflict in the circuits. However, since the decision in this

case rests on 1443(2) and that in *Rachel* on 1443(1) there is no conflict. Instead, a just result has been obtained by the two decisions. In the instant case, the court below was faced with a request to broaden 1443(2) to cover all claims under the First and Fourteenth Amendments. Had the court allowed such removal, 1443(2) would have ceased to be "an adjunct to the substantive civil rights statutes enacted by Congress," *Rachel* v. *State of Georgia*, *supra*, cited with approval in petitioners' brief, page 10, but instead would have become a gateway through which would have poured a host of state cases unrelated to civil rights, as that phrase is normally construed, into the Federal courts. On the other hand the Fifth Circuit in *Rachel* by allowing removal where the petitioner claimed that he could not get a fair trial effectuated the intent of Congress "that the right to a fair trial free from racial hostility and antagonism should be guaranteed." Speech of Senator Dodd, 110 Congressional Record 6739 (daily ed. April 6, 1964).

POINT II

28 U. S. C. 1443(2) covers only officers and those persons assisting them. It does not cover the petitioners.

To understand the scope of 1443(2) it is more helpful to refer back to its predecessor Rev. Stat. §641 which remained unchanged until reworded by the Revisers of 1948. It is fair to refer back to the earlier version of the Statute since the revision of 1948 was a mere recompilation of the United States Code which was not intended to have any substantive effect. That section reads as follows:

"When any civil suit or criminal prosecution is commenced in any State court, for any cause whatsoever, against any person who is denied or cannot enforce in the judicial tribunals of the State, or in the part of the State where such suit or prosecution is pending, any right secured to him by any law providing for the equal civil rights of citizens of the United States, or of all persons within the jurisdiction of the United States, or against any officer, civil or military, or other person, for any arrest or imprisonment or other trespasses or wrongs, made or committed by virtue of or under color of authority derived from any law providing for equal rights as aforesaid, or for refusing to do any act on the ground that it would be inconsistent with such law, such suit or prosecution may upon the petition of such defendant, filed in said State court at any time before the trial or final hearing of the cause, stating the facts and verified by oath, be removed, for trial, into the next circuit court to be held in the district where it is pending."

The words "or other person" in the second part of 641 following as they do the words "any officer, civil or military" would seem by the rule of *ejusdem generis* to take the meaning of any other person similar in kind to an officer. This construction would also follow since the "person" would have to be defending himself for arresting another, in other words for doing something in the nature of the duties of an officer. In the words of the opinion below:

"'Arrest or imprisonment, trespasses or wrongs,' were precisely the probable charges against enforcement officers and those assisting them; and a statute speaking of such acts 'done or committed by virtue of or under color of authority derived from' specified

> laws reads far more readily on persons engaged in some sort of enforcement than on those whose rights were being enforced, as to whom words like 'acts founded upon' would have been much more appropriate" (—— F. 2d ——).

An example of what Congress had in mind can be seen in 42 U. S. C. 1989 which is derived from the same law as 28 U. S. C. 1443. Section 1989 empowers commissions to "call to their aid the bystanders or posse comitatus."

POINT III

The petitioners were not acting under any color of authority.

Although the words "color of authority" as used in this section have not previously been the subject of judicial determination, the same phrase elsewhere has been frequently ruled on. In each case the interpretation placed on it has been limited to acts authorized by a specific statute or if not authorized then such acts as could not have been performed except with apparent official authority.

In *Maryland* v. *Soper* (No. 1) 270 U. S. 9 (1925), federal revenue officers were charged with the murder of a person whom they claimed in their petition they found wounded when they raided a still. They claimed to have been engaged in the discharge of their duties at the time of the killing. The Supreme Court granted a writ of mandamus and returned the case to the state court holding that there must be a

> "* * * casual connection between what the officer has done under the asserted official authority and the state prosecution. It must appear that the prosecution of him, for whatever offense, has arisen out of the acts done by him under the color of federal authority and in enforcement of federal law, and he must by direct averment exclude the possibility that it was based on acts or conduct of his not justified by his federal authority."

Soper indicates that when a person claims to be acting under "color of authority" he must show that the act with which he is charged is closely related to the authority under which he is supposedly acting. It is clear that conducting a "protest in or about the offices of the Mayor of the City of New York," as alleged in the petition, was not done under authority of "any law providing for equal rights"—there being no law authorizing anyone to sit-in in the office of the Mayor.

The distinctions between acting under authority, under color of authority and without authorization are explicitly set forth in *Screws* v. *United States*, 325 U. S. 91 (1945), in which this Court, although reversing for other reasons the conviction of state officers for depriving a defendant of his civil rights, held that the officers who were making an arrest acted with "color of authority" even when they exceeded their authority and beat the defendant to death. This Court stated, at page 111:

> "Here the state officers were authorized to make an arrest and to take such steps as were necessary to make the arrest effective. They acted without authority only in the sense that they used excessive force in making the arrest effective. It is clear that

> under 'color' of law means under 'pretense' of law. Thus acts of officers in the ambit of their personal pursuits are plainly excluded. Acts of officers who undertake to perform their official duties are included whether they hew to the line of their authority or overstep it."

Certainly by no stretch of the imagination can the holding that an officer who oversteps his authority nevertheless acts with "color of authority" be extended to those who claim the "authority" of a general constitutional provision.

The farthest this Court has gone in holding that an unauthorized act was done with "color of authority" was in *Monroe* v. *Pape*, 365 U. S. 167 (1961), in which Chicago police officers were being sued civily under 42 U. S. C. 1983 for depriving a defendant of his civil rights by searching his home without a warrant. In the face of a vigorous dissent this Court relying on its decision in *United States* v. *Classic*, 313 U. S. 299 (1941), held that, "Misuse of power, possessed by virtue of state law and made possible only because the wrongdoer is clothed with the authority of state law, is action taken 'under color of' state law" (at p. 184).

The gulf between *Monroe* and the instant case is immense. The petitioners cannot show any authority at all for obstructing the functioning of City Hall. Consequently they were not exceeding the authority or acting under a pretense or color of authority.

POINT IV

The Constitution is not a "law providing for equal rights" within the meaning of 1443(2).

Once again it is preferable to go back to an earlier version of the statute to determine its meaning. As originally enacted as §3 of the Civil Rights Act of 1866 the section provided for removal for acts done "under color of authority derived from this act or the act establishing a Bureau for the relief of Freedmen and Refugees." Subsequently the statute was changed by the Revised Statute of 1875 to read "under color of authority derived from any law providing for equal rights as aforesaid." This in turn was contracted in 1948 by the deletion of the words "as aforesaid." Clearly at first the section only applied to limited statutory rights dealing with those sections that provided that all shall be equal rather than those that provided rights for all. There is no indication in the legislative history that Congress intended to change the meaning of this section at the time it revised the wording. That, indeed, the contrary is true was pointed out by the court below (p. 988) in saying that Congress even hired a lawyer to make sure that the 1875 version contained no substantive changes.

It is not hard to envision the peril to the federal system that would follow from the adoption of a broader view of the meaning of "law providing for equal rights" so as to include Constitutional provisions. Under such a view presumably all 800 students arrested at Berkeley could remove their cases as involving acts committed under the

color of authority of the First Amendment. Similarly, cases involving obscenity prosecutions, prosecutions for the practice of professions without a license, and for carrying arms would also be removable. Such a wholesale removal would have the effect of terminating the federal system so far as it concerns criminal prosecutions. Certainly such a construction and such a result would depart from the previous "lodestar of adjudication" that the Civil Rights Act "should be construed so as to respect the proper balance between the States and the federal government in law enforcement" and that the Act "was not to be used to centralize power so as to upset the federal system." *Stefanelli* v. *Minard*, 342 U. S. 117, 121 (1951).

POINT V

The cases were correctly remanded without a hearing.

The charges in the Criminal Court of the City of New York are all for simple misdemeanors or offenses. These cases are tried without a jury before panels of one or three judges. The fact situations are simple. Consequently the trials are short. To hold hearings in the District Court would in effect be to try the cases there. Consequently to have hearings would be to try each case twice. This would be an unnecessary burden on the courts.

Where the facts are few and simple the pleadings will sufficiently inform the court so that it can make a decision.

Conclusion

The application for a writ of certiorari should be denied.

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